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"Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience" takes about an hour to go through, according to the exhibit's website. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

'Beyond Van Gogh'

Hartford's high-tech, immersive display offers a more joyous perspective of the artist

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

It's summer, and the sunflowers are in bloom as the spirit of Vincent Van Gogh fills the Connecticut Convention Center with color, light, movement and imagination for the next two months.

The immersive art experience "Beyond Van Gogh" will be on display through Oct. 2. The project was created by Normal Studio in Canada and produced by Paquin Entertainment Group.

Fanny Curtat, a Montreal-based art historian who wrote the explanatory text pieces for the exhibit, calls "Beyond Van Gogh" a "blend of technology and artwork. It's such a unique experience to play with his work, to be inside it."

She says the digital experience "will never replace a museum exhibit" but offers a chance to appreciate the work from "different angles," includ-



"Beyond Van Gogh Hartford: The Immersive Experience" at the Connecticut Convention Center brings a different perspective to more than 300 of Van Gogh's artworks.

ing "a sense of how differently he perceived himself." She wanted the text passages she wrote to be a mix of what one might read in a conventional museum setting and something more informal, basic and creative.

"I don't expect people to read

every single panel," the historian says. Indeed, one is easily distracted by the shifting colors and images.

"Vincent was all about sharing. His work was filled with light and joy," Curtat said during the opening ceremony Wednesday morning.

'Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience'

When: Through Oct. 2; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Connecticut Convention Center; final entry is an hour before close.

Tickets: Purchase online; not available at the door. Prices begin at \$39.99 for adults and \$23.99 for children ages 5 to 15.

Information: beyondvangogh hartford.com.

Gov. Ned Lamont attended the opening.

"I love Van Gogh and I think you will as well, after seeing this exhibit," Lamont said. "He painted out his feelings, including some deep, dark feelings. He

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ELECTION 2022

Anti-toll leader on team of GOP Gov. candidate

Stefanowski selects firefighter Sasser as campaign manager

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Facing a tough political fight in a blue state, Republican candidate Bob Stefanowski has hired the leader of the grassroots movement against highway tolls to be his new campaign manager for the three-month battle against Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont.

Stamford firefighter Patrick Sasser has already started in his new role to increase the energy in the Stefanowski campaign at a time when polls show he is trailing Lamont.

Sasser became the face of the anti-tolls movement as he helped collect 130,000 signatures against Lamont's plan for electronic highway tolls. Sasser was known for his aggressive, high-energy style in bluntly criticizing Lamont and generating a grassroots campaign against the tolls.

"I'm going to use the tools I've learned over the years on smaller campaigns," Sasser said Wednesday, adding that the campaign against Lamont's tolls was "probably the largest grassroots movement this state has ever seen."

Sasser says he intends to "bring the energy, increase the ground game, use a grassroots effort to mobilize people, get boots on the ground, help develop some of the strategies to get the

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Patrick Sasser, founder and leader of No Tolls CT, has been hired as the campaign manager for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Superior Court Judge Barbara Bellis wants to know what role Alex Jones' lawyer, Norm Pattis, left, may have played in the disclosure of medical and psychiatric records. **COURANT FILE PHOTOS**

Jones' lawyer Pattis under fire over medical records

Judge wants to know how files on Sandy Hook parents ended up in wrong hands

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

A Connecticut judge has scheduled hearings beginning next week on whether to discipline the lawyers of conspiracy theorist Alex Jones in Texas and Connecticut for the possibly illegal disclosure of medical records of the parents of children killed in the Sandy Hook massacre.

Barbara Bellis ordered the first hearing, on a date to be determined next week, to focus on what role, if any, Jones' Connecticut lawyer, Norm Pattis, played in the disclosure of what she said could involve medical and psychiatric records of the relatives of victims who sued over Jones' broadcast assertions that the massacre was a hoax.

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Trump invokes 5th in investigation of firm

Deposition is for a civil case launched by New York's AG

By Michael Balsamo, Michael R. Sisak and Michelle L. Price
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination as he testified under oath Wednesday in the New York attorney general's long-running civil investigation into his business dealings, the former president said in a statement.

About an hour after arriving at Attorney General Letitia James' Manhattan offices, Trump announced that he "declined to answer the questions under the rights and privileges afforded to every citizen under the United States Constitution."

"I once asked, 'If you're

innocent, why are you taking the Fifth Amendment?' Now I know the answer to that question," the statement said. "When your family, your company, and all the people in your orbit have become the targets of an unfounded politically motivated Witch Hunt supported by lawyers, prosecutors and the Fake News Media, you have no choice."

But after leaving around 3:30 p.m., he described the encounter as "very professional" and added a plug for his "fantastic" company.

As vociferous as Trump has been in defending himself in written statements and on the rally stage, legal experts said answering questions in a deposition was risky because anything he said could potentially be used against him in a parallel criminal investigation by the Manhat-

tan district attorney. The Fifth Amendment protects people from being compelled to be witnesses against themselves in a criminal case.

Also, if the attorney general's investigation leads to a civil case against Trump and it went to trial, jurors could be told that he invoked his protection against self-incrimination.

New York University law professor Stephen Gillers said he was surprised that Trump had done so, given his previous experience with depositions, a legal term for sworn testimony not given in court.

"Jousting with lawyers at depositions, while avoiding lying, is something he's proud of," Gillers said. "Perhaps his lawyers feared that his impetuosity would imperil him."

Trump has under-

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Prices rose more slowly in the Northeast last month

Prices rose more slowly in the Northeast in July than the rest of the nation, helped by slowing housing costs, the U.S. Department of Labor reported Wednesday. The Labor Department reported the consumer-price index rose 8.5% in July from the same month a year ago, down from 9.1% in June, which marked the fastest inflationary pace since November 1981.

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Nonprofit health care company fighting for rehab clinics

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

A nonprofit health care company is seeking a change to Hartford's zoning regulations to allow methadone and substance-use rehabilitation clinics to operate in certain mixed-use zones.

The Root Center for Advanced Recovery, which operates nine methadone treatment clinics in the state, including two in Hartford, filed its application in July seeking a text amendment to the city's regulations. A virtual hearing on the matter is scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Commission on Sept. 13.

The regulations currently prohibit methadone clinics from operating within the city in any zone.

However, Hartford has three clinics, including Roots on Main Street and Weston Street, which are permitted to operate as nonconforming uses because they were in operation before the regulations were amended, Root's attorney Andrea Gomes, of Hinckley Allen, said.

Root's two facilities, according to a letter submitted to the commission, serve approximately 1,400 patients with substance use disorders.

In her letter to the

commission and in an interview, Gomes said the city's prohibition of methadone clinics violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The case law provides ... treating methadone clinics differently is a violation of the ADA because a person who is in recovery from substance use disorder is considered disabled within the meaning of the ADA," Gomes said. "This text amendment would assist in remedying that situation."

Even if the commission adopts the text amendment, providers would still have to apply for a special-use permit to have a methadone clinic

in a mixed-use (MX-1) zone, Gomes said.

"We're going through a text amendment application, which is really the first step in the development process," Gomes said. "We're seeking to amend the Hartford zoning regulations to allow this use. However we come out with that with the Planning and Zoning Commission could potentially dictate the size of the facility."

In Root's case, the plan is to shut down the Main Street clinic and construct a brand-new, 8,100-square-foot facility on several vacant parcels on Lafayette Street, Gomes said.

"Root Center has recently, within the last few years, started updating its facilities to try and provide the best environment possible to allow its clients to heal," said Gomes, adding that the company recently closed an older facility in New Britain and opened up a new clinic, "which has become the design model for the clinic going forward. It's part of Root's mission these last few years to begin updating its clinics."

According to Hartford's zoning regulations, Mixed-use districts are either centered around large-scale institutional facilities such as

the Capitol area, universities and hospitals, and in other areas of low-scale mixed-use development.

"These districts include a mix of compatible office or residential uses," the regulations say.

The MX-1 district, the regulations say, is a lower intensity district that is "intended to be compatible with adjacent historic neighborhoods" and includes a mix of office, institutional or residential uses.

Gomes says she and Root have been in discussions with the city, and she has not heard any comments from the public thus far.

Jones

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There will be a second hearing the following week on the role one of Jones' Texas lawyers, F. Andino Reynal, played in any disclosure.

Pattis is defending Jones and his business, Free Speech Systems, in a defamation suit pending in Superior Court in Waterbury by the relatives. The trial, pending for four years, is set to start after Labor Day, but could be delayed by an 11th-hour bankruptcy filing by Jones.

Last week in Texas, a jury ruled against Jones and awarded victims families who sued in state court there \$49.3 million. Reynal, best known for running a small criminal defense practice, defended the suit.

From the little that was disclosed about the leaked material during a half-hour hearing Wednesday in Superior Court in Waterbury, it appeared that Pattis' office transmitted confidential records to Reynal in July, at a time when Reynal was expected to play a role defending Jones in the Connecticut suit. Reynal withdrew from the Connecticut case within days.

From information made public in court in Texas late last week, it appears that Reynal's Texas legal team inadvertently transferred the contents of Jones' mobile telephone to the Sandy Hook relatives suing there. Among the

contents of the phone were medical records.

"It appears that the medical and or psychiatric records of the plaintiffs in the underlying lawsuits were recently provided to unauthorized individuals, whether it was by attorney Pattis and or attorney Reynal," Bellis said. "I am very concerned that there was improper release of highly confidential psychiatric, psychological or counseling records protected by court order and state and federal law."

Pattis declined comment and Reynal could not be reached.

Jones is being sued in Connecticut by parents of first graders shot to death at Sandy Hook Elementary School, relatives of murdered school staff and an FBI agent who responded to the tragedy. Their medical histories are important and closely guarded evidence in the case. To some degree, financial damages against Jones will be based on the degree to which they can show trauma they suffered from the shooting was exacerbated by Jones's broadcast assertions that it was a hoax.

Bellis spoke almost exclusively at the brief teleconference hearing Wednesday. She repeated how "very concerned" she is by the apparent disclosure of the records, which she said she learned about through "headlines."

She summoned the state judicial office responsible for disciplining lawyers to the hearing but said she will personally direct

an inquiry into the disclosures and will impose punishment that could run from a reprimand to something more severe. She recited a long list of questions she wants answered, from who supervised transfer of the records to technical specifications of the files transmitted.

"This issue is between the court and attorney Pattis and next week it will be between the court and attorney Reynal," she said. "I know for a fact that the court always has jurisdiction over the conduct of attorneys that appear before it."

She said the hearings involving Pattis and Reynal mark the third and fourth time Jones' defense lawyers have faced potential discipline in the four years the suit has been pending. She said a single disciplinary case is unusual and four in the course of one suit is "unprecedented."

Delays in moving the suit forward have tested Bellis' patience. Jones has repeatedly failed to appear for depositions and respond to orders to produce business records. Last spring, he stopped progress on the case by filing for bankruptcy protection for three of his companies that were originally targets of the Connecticut suit. He[b]/[b]withdrew the bankruptcy filings after the victims dropped the companies as defendants.

Late last year Bellis took the extraordinary step of issuing a default order against Jones for

failing to comply with court orders — effectively settling the suit in favor of the families and leaving only the question of damages against him and Free Speech Systems, the one business remaining in the suit, unresolved. A judge in Texas issued the same ruling in response to Jones' apparent efforts to stall the case in that state.

In late July, Jones put Free Speech Systems, the company behind his Infowars internet site, into federal bankruptcy in Houston, triggering another potential postponement of the September trial.

When Bellis responded by ordering the trial to proceed against Jones alone, he had the suit transferred to the jurisdiction of the federal bankruptcy court in Hartford, putting the latest start date for the trial, Sept. 6, in jeopardy again.

A disturbed, 20-year-old man in Newtown walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012 with a semi-automatic rifle and killed 20 first-graders and six educators. The gunman shot his mother to death at their home nearby before going to the school. He killed himself as police arrived.

Jones portrayed the shootings on his Infowars program as a hoax that involved actors and was intended to build pressure for gun control. He has since acknowledged the school shooting did occur.

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gone many depositions, dating to his career as a real estate developer. He has sometimes seemed to relish giving answers: For example, he said he was "pleased to have had the opportunity to tell my side" last October in a lawsuit brought by protesters who say his security guard roughed them up outside Trump Tower in 2015.

However, Trump invoked the Fifth Amendment to refuse to answer 97 questions in a 1990 divorce deposition.

Wednesday's events unfolded two days after FBI agents searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida as part of an unrelated federal probe into whether he took classified records when he left the White House.

New York's investigation is led by James, a Democrat who has said in court filings that her office has uncovered "significant" evidence that Trump's company misled lenders and tax authorities about the value of prized assets such as golf courses and skyscrapers.

Trump has denied the allegations, contending that seeking the best valuations is a common practice in the real estate industry. He's also accused James, who is Black, of racism in pursuing the investigation.

In May, James' office said that it was nearing the end of an investigation against Trump, his company or both. The Republican's deposition was one of the few remaining missing pieces.

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PLAY4 NIGHT 5 4 2 7 **WB:** 7

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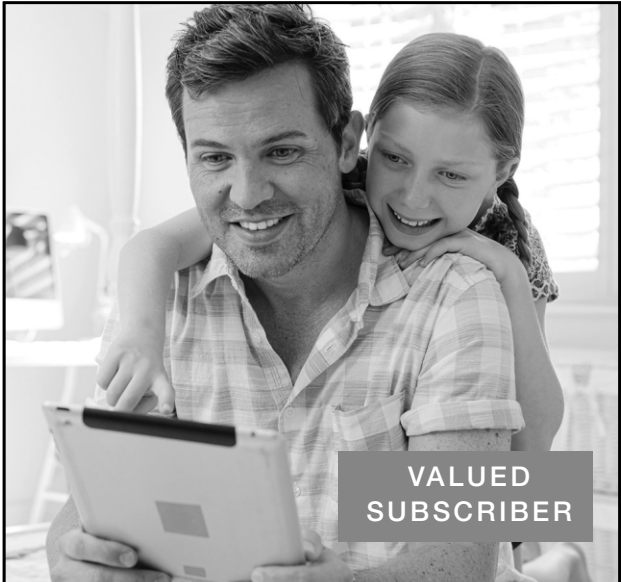
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The immersive exhibit is an unexpectedly positive outlook to apply to an artist often defined by depression, poor health and personal failure. DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Van Gogh

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was one of the most extraordinary artists ever.”

Lamont plans to return to the Hartford exhibit with his family and thinks the show’s high-tech presentation will appeal to a younger audience that might not otherwise be exposed to the artist’s work.

The first few sections of “Beyond Van Gogh” consist of glowing images in darkly lit rooms that combine Van Gogh’s art with text passages about his life. There are quotations from the letters the painter wrote to his brother Theo. Between the rows of brightly illuminated writings hang empty picture frames. There is an accessible design to the whole exhibit.

The texts don’t need to be read in order. There is a lighthearted tone to much of the commentary, with puns (“Gogh This Way”) and upbeat descriptions. It’s an unexpectedly positive outlook to apply to an artist often defined by depression, poor health and personal failure.

A section titled “An Immense Joy” reads: “Madness, suffering, ear-cutting despair, extreme poverty... Van Gogh’s myth tells the tale of a melancholic martyr who took his own life in an ultimate act of revulsion. Yet to follow the evolution of Van Gogh’s work is to



Between the rows of brightly illuminated writings hang empty picture frames.

step from the shadows into the light, to move from darkness to brightness, into an explosion of pure pigments. Far from the madness that accompanies the legend of his genius, Van Gogh’s work radiates joy and celebrates life.”

The text images are illuminating and enlightening, but they are just the prelude for the main event. Following the many rows of text-and-image screens, there is a large dark entranceway lit with swirling circular shapes and beads of light in the style of Van Gogh’s most famous painting, “Starry Night.”

That’s just a taste of what happens in the vast final exhibition space of “Beyond Van Gogh.” Familiar images from famous Van Gogh paintings expand to cover entire walls. The images move. Flower petals

appear to fly through the air, wrapping around all four sides of giant pillars in the room. Paintings with similar themes — flowers, buildings, self-portraits — form into impromptu mini-exhibits of their own. There’s a montage of just Van Gogh’s signature, taken from an array of canvases. Some of the works become animated. Water shimmers. The walls appear to drip, whether with rain or paint. Some images bleed out onto the floor, covering it in bright flowers. Van Gogh winks.

The artworks shift, change, expand and transform in various configurations for a set 36-minute pattern before repeating. The vibrant, moving images are accompanied by recorded music, played more loudly than you’d expect at an art event. The music ranges from modern



Gov. Ned Lamont listens as art historian Fanny Curtat explains the digital exhibit “Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience.”

classical composer Max Richter’s reworking of Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons” to the violin/piano duo of Paula Kiete and Chris Snelling with an instrumental cover of the Don McLean pop song “Vincent”) to jazz greats Miles Davis, Bill Frisell and Pat Methany. The complete 15-song playlist, compiled by sound designer Jean-Sébastien Côté, can be found on the streaming music service Spotify.

“Beyond Van Gogh” reflects modern-day cultural and art-world trends, with its larger-than-life installation qualities and state-of-the-art digital projections. It

also evokes other pop-culture phenomena. It will be hard for fans of the “Doctor Who” TV series to see the exhibit without thinking of the 10th episode of the show’s fifth season, where The Doctor befriends the painter: The adventure ends in the present-day at a Van Gogh exhibit, which shifts and swirls around the viewers as the artist himself comes to terms with his own legacy.

Curtat notes that there are other companies with their own immersive Van Gogh exhibits. The one in Hartford, for instance, is not related to either of the two

Van Gogh exhibits (called “Imagine Van Gogh” and “Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience”) that visited Boston last year.

“Beyond Van Gogh” is also able to present identical versions of the same exhibition in different cities at the same. Curtat says there are currently eight in the U.S. Since the company generally works with convention centers, they can all be organized similarly. Setting up each exhibit can take seven to 10 days.

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messaging out and make sure that the folks in Connecticut come out and vote for change.”

The move was not publicly announced when Sasser took over on Aug. 1. He is replacing former state Rep. Dan Carter, who has left for a position with the state Republican Party.

Sasser was an unlikely leader of the grassroots movement. A blue-collar Republican with little political experience, he went up against a powerful, millionaire governor with degrees from Harvard and Yale and the entire political administration in Hartford.

On Wednesday, both Lamont and Stefanowski ramped up their attacks for the final three months of the campaign.

“Expect Governor Lamont to continue to do what he did this morning, put politics over people, focusing on imaginary election ballots rather than the person in Connecticut who can’t afford to buy groceries today or the family who will go to bed tonight worried that they will be the next victim of an unprecedented crime wave in Connecticut,” Stefanowski said. “The people of Connecticut are too smart for Ned Lamont’s bait and switch campaign. They want someone who understands what

they are going through today and who cares enough to do something about it — and as your next governor, I will!”

Lamont’s campaign is trying to tie Stefanowski to both Levy and Trump.

“Bob Stefanowski invested thousands of dollars in support for Leora Levy. Last night, she delivered a return on that investment and then some,” Lamont campaign spokeswoman Onotse Omoyeni said Wednesday. “Long gone are the days of the responsible Republicans in Connecticut. With Levy and Stefanowski leading the ticket, Trumpism has hijacked Connecticut’s Republican party, and the choice for voters this November could not be clearer: four years of anti-choice, pro-NRA, fiscal recklessness or four more years of responsible fiscal leadership, tax cuts built to last, and protecting women’s rights.”

Levy vs. Blumenthal

On Wednesday, after an exhausting primary season for many candidates in extreme heat, Republicans and Democrats pivoted to blast their opponents in the November elections.

The general election campaign started in the morning with a statement from U. S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal’s campaign that cited his differences with Repub-

lican Leora Levy that “could not be more clear” between the candidates. Levy, a conservative fundraiser from Greenwich, won a stunning primary victory Tuesday night over Themis Klarides, a moderate attorney who was the party convention’s endorsed candidate.

“Leora Levy is Donald Trump’s choice. Dick Blumenthal is Connecticut’s Senator,” Blumenthal’s campaign said. “Leora Levy is way outside the Connecticut mainstream. She opposes a woman’s right to make her own healthcare decisions. She opposes common sense gun safety measures. And she supports calling January 6th ‘legitimate political discourse.’”

But Levy fired back, saying that Blumenthal is a career politician who has not gotten the job done.

“Dick just wants to distract you,” Levy said. “Dick Blumenthal has been in elected office for nearly 40 years. He has played a part in creating virtually every challenge our country faces today, and has been a rubber stamp for Joe Biden’s failed policies as President. Dick Blumenthal wants this election to be a referendum on a President. Donald Trump is not on the ballot in November, but Joe Biden is. Here in Connecticut, Dick Blumenthal IS Joe Biden.”

The battle lines are already drawn sharply for November. A key theme that will be repeated is that the Democrats say that Trump

is on the ballot, while Republicans say that Biden is on the ballot.

State Republican chairman Ben Proto told top Capitol reporters in a conference call Wednesday that they are asking the wrong questions about Trump and abortion.

“Look, the reality of the situation is the issues that are important to voters are very different than the issues that are important to the media,” Proto said. “We know that there is literally no overlap to those issues. ... Abortion just simply is not that big of an issue at the end of the day with voters.”

Proto added, “The single-issue pro-choice voter is never voting for the Republican. The single-issue pro-life voter is never voting for the Democrat. Now that we’ve taken care of probably 5% or less of the total voter population, the rest of the voter population looks at issues and weighs those issues. When we look at the polling, abortion simply doesn’t make the top five or six issues that people are concerned about. ... It’s maybe in the top 10, but it’s not in the top 5 to 7.”

Some Republicans are concerned that the defeat of Klarides is a blow to the socially moderate tradition of former long-time party stalwarts like Lowell P. Weicker, U.S. Rep. Stewart McKinney, U.S. Rep. Chris Shays, and Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

In her victory speech, Levy touched on conservative themes

that will likely reemerge during the fall campaign.

“There is a difference between boys and girls,” Levy told the crowd at a hotel in Old Greenwich. “Boys do not belong in girls’ sports or in their locker rooms. That is insane.”

Levy is receiving strong support from the Trump base, including Simsbury landscaper Robert Hyde, a major Trump supporter who dropped out of the U.S. Senate race after receiving fewer than 1% of the delegates in the final tally at the party convention.

“Today, we celebrate this victory and let’s get to work to end the Blumenthal blight affecting all of us!,” Hyde wrote to supporters. “Leora is a principled, common-sense conservative Republican who isn’t afraid to take the fight to Biden, Blumenthal and D.C. Democrats.”

Longtime political science professor Gary Rose of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield said Klarides ran a somewhat lackluster, low-energy campaign with mediocre television commercials. “Her presence on TV is not compelling,” Rose said in an interview. “It’s not charismatic. It seems rote, as if she’s reading a script. ... Ads for other races are pretty darn good. In comparison, Themis’s ads are subpar. ... It really is not impressive or memorable.”

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Biden signs ‘burn pits’ help for vets

Legislation expands health care services for those exposed

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden, whose elder son Beau died of cancer years after deploying to Iraq, signed legislation Wednesday expanding federal health care services for millions of veterans who served at military bases where toxic smoke billowed from huge “burn pits.”

“We owe you,” Biden said. “You’re the backbone. You’re the steel. You’re the sinew. You’re the very fiber that makes this country what it is.”

The law, which Biden described as long overdue, caps a yearslong battle to ensure treatment for chronic illnesses that veterans have blamed on burn pits, which were used to dispose of chemicals, tires, plastics, medical equipment and human waste on military bases. Estimates of affected troops run to 3.5 million.

“So many of you here today remind us that we have fought for this for so many years,” he said during an emotional White House ceremony that reflected the struggles of military families — and the president’s personal experience.

Biden was introduced by Danielle Robinson, the widow of Sgt. 1st Class Heath Robinson, who died of cancer two years ago. The legislation is named for him.

She described her late husband as “a soldier as strong as an ox” but also “the ultimate cuddler” for his daughter Brielle, who stood at her mother’s side clutching a stuffed figurine wear-



Brielle Robinson receives a pen from President Joe Biden during a signing ceremony Wednesday. **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

ing military camouflage.

“Ours is just one story,” Danielle Robinson said. “So many military families have had to fight this terrible emotional battle. So many veterans are still battling burn pit illnesses today.”

After the Robinsons took their seats for the president’s remarks, Biden addressed Brielle directly.

“I know you miss your daddy. But he’s with you all the time,” he said. “He’s going to whisper in your ear when you have hard decisions to make.”

Then he pointed out that Brielle was sitting next to his grandson, the son of Beau

Biden.

“His daddy lost to the same burn pits,” Biden said. “He knows what you’re going through.”

It was the most direct link the president has publicly drawn between Beau’s fatal brain cancer and burn pits. The president made addressing the problem one of his priorities during his State of the Union address in March.

“I was going to get this done, come hell or high water,” he said Wednesday.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., who chairs the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, said Biden was a driving

force behind the legislation.

“He was continually pushing because whether Beau died of this or not, I think Joe thinks that it had some impact, and so he wanted this fixed,” Tester said.

Burn pits were used in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, 70% of disability claims involving exposure to the pits were denied by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“For too long, too many veterans who got sick while fighting for our country had to fight for their care here at home,” VA Secretary Denis McDonough said at Wednesday’s ceremony.

Elizabeth Beck, a city councilwoman from Fort Worth, Texas, who served in the Army Reserve in Iraq, said “we knew something wasn’t right” during her deployment.

“You saw the burn pits. You smelled the burn pits. You felt the burn pits in your body,” she said Wednesday. When she blew her nose, Beck said, “black material would just stream out.”

However, she was reluctant to seek benefits for years because the process seemed too daunting, especially when others had been unsuccessful. Beck described the legislation

as “light at the end of the tunnel.”

The law will direct officials to assume that certain respiratory illnesses and cancers were related to burn pit exposure, helping veterans get disability payments without having to prove the illness was the result of their service.

“Veterans who have been sickened to the point of being unable to work, unable to take care of their families, won’t have to spend that time fighting the government to get the health care they earned,” said Jeremy Butler, head of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. “This is monumental.”

Butler attended Wednesday’s ceremony, along with Le Roy and Rosie Torres, husband-and-wife advocates for veterans’ health care who started the organization Burn Pits 360. Le Roy developed constrictive bronchitis after serving in Iraq, making breathing difficult.

Although the provision involving burn pits has garnered the most attention, other health care services will be expanded as well.

Veterans who have served since the Sept. 11 attacks will have a decade to sign up for VA health care, double the current five years.

And there’s more help for veterans from the Vietnam War era. The legislation adds hypertension to list of ailments that are presumed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange, a herbicide used by the U.S. military to clear vegetation.

In addition, veterans who served during the war in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa and Johnston Atoll will also be considered to have been exposed to the chemical.

Trump-backed election skeptics gain in key races

GOP voters in Wis., Minn. tap hopefuls touting fraud claim

By Jazmine Ulloa
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The New York Times

The day after FBI agents searched his home in Palm Beach, Florida, former President Donald Trump yet again illustrated his electoral pull on the Republican Party.

In a series of primaries in Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont and Wisconsin on Tuesday — and in a newly conceded race from last week’s election in Washington state — Trump’s candidates scored victories and most of his enemies drew defeats.

GOP voters in Minnesota and Wisconsin elevated a slate of nominees who have peddled baseless claims of fraud over the 2020 presidential election, setting up high-stakes battles in the fall over the future of fair elections in critical battleground states. And in Connecticut, the Trump-backed Senate candidate Leora Levy trounced a moderate Republican, Themis Klarides.

In Wisconsin, Democratic

Gov. Tony Evers tried to play Trump assertion of control against his newly minted Republican opponent Wednesday while observers said running too closely to Trump in the swing state could be dangerous.

Trump’s pick for governor, construction company co-owner Tim Michels, beat out the choice of establishment Republicans. Evers said that means Michels now “owns” Trump and he won’t be able to moderate in the general election.

Longtime Wisconsin Secretary of State Doug La Follette won his Democratic primary, advancing to a general election in which Republicans hope to win back the seat and give it power over elections.

State Rep. Amy Loudenbeck defeated two primary opponents to advance to the November election against La Follette, first elected in 1974.

Meanwhile, most of the 10 Republican members of Congress who voted to impeach Trump have either retired or lost. The latest to fall, Washington state Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler who conceded Tuesday, said in an email: “I’m proud that I always told the truth, stuck

to my principles, and did what I knew to be best for our country.”

Unlike many states, Wisconsin’s secretary of state is not its top elections official and the office’s only duties are to sit on a state timber board and verify certain travel documents. But Loudenbeck and other Republicans have said they want to change that and dismantle the Wisconsin Elections Commission, established six years ago with bipartisan support.

Loudenbeck and her primary opponents have echoed Trump’s false claims that fraud cost him the 2020 election and sharply criticized decisions made by the commission heading into the 2020 election, when the COVID-19 pandemic brought major challenges to running elections. They had argued that empowering the secretary of state would allow voters to hold someone accountable for important election-related decisions.

To accomplish their goal, Republicans also would need to defeat Evers, who would block such a move, in November.

Mandela Barnes, a former community organizer



Republican gubernatorial candidate Tim Michels, endorsed by former President Donald Trump, greets guests Tuesday at an election night rally in Waukesha, Wisconsin. **SCOTT OLSON/GETTY**

from Milwaukee, won the Democratic nomination in a Senate race to take on the Republican incumbent, Sen. Ron Johnson. Barnes’ victory sets up a heated general election race that could help decide control of the Senate. Barnes, Wisconsin’s first Black lieutenant governor, would be its first Black senator if he were to win.

In Minnesota, Republican Kim Crockett — who has called the 2020 election “rigged” and campaigned on rolling back changes that have made it easier to vote — advanced to the November

election against Secretary of State Steve Simon, a Democrat seeking his third term.

Races in Connecticut and Vermont were noteworthy because it was the first time in more than a decade that the seats were open. Both longtime Democratic secretaries of state opted not to seek reelection this year.

In Connecticut, GOP primary voters selected Dominic Rapini and Democratic primary voters nominated state Rep. Stephanie Thomas. Rapini is the former board chairman of a group called Fight Voter

Fraud Inc. and has called for tightening ID requirements and cleaning the state’s voter rolls. Thomas opposes additional ID requirements.

In Vermont’s Democratic primary, state Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas defeated two opponents.

On the Republican side, perennial candidate H. Brooke Paige was the lone person on the ballot for secretary of state, and advanced to the November election.

Associated Press contributed.

Iranian operative charged in plot to murder ex-Trump official Bolton

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Iranian operative has been charged in a plot to murder former U.S. national security adviser John Bolton in presumed retaliation for a U.S. airstrike that killed the country’s most powerful general, offering \$300,000 to “eliminate” the Trump administration official, the Justice Department said Wednesday.

Shahram Poursafi, iden-

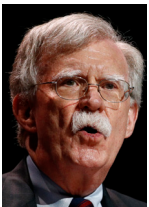
tified by U.S. officials as a member of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard, is wanted by the FBI on charges related to the murder-for-hire plot.

Prosecutors say the scheme unfolded more than a year after Qassem Soleimani, head of the Revolutionary Guard’s elite Quds Force and an architect of Tehran’s proxy wars in the Middle East, was killed in a targeted airstrike at Baghdad’s airport in January 2020. After the strike, Bolton, who by then had left

his White House post, tweeted, “Hope this is the first step to regime change in Tehran.”

In the fall of 2021, Poursafi, an Iranian citizen who officials say has never visited the U.S., offered \$300,000 to someone he was corresponding with in the U.S. if the person would hire someone to “eliminate” Bolton, according to an FBI affidavit.

Poursafi provided the



Bolton

person, who was actually an FBI informant, with Bolton’s office address, including the name and contact information of someone who worked in the office, and took screenshots of surveillance photographs of Bolton’s office, the affidavit says.

“This was not an idle threat,” Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen, the Justice Department’s top

national security official, said in a statement.

In his own statement, Bolton thanked the FBI and Justice Department for their work in developing the case and the Secret Service for providing protection.

Iran’s mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to request for comment.

The unsealing of the complaint comes two days after negotiators seeking to revive the Iran nuclear accord in Vienna closed on a

“final text” of an agreement, with parties now consulting in their capitals on whether to agree to it.

The 2015 deal granted Iran sanctions relief in exchange for tight curbs on its atomic program. Since the U.S. withdrew from the agreement under President Donald Trump, Iran has sped up its nuclear enrichment program. Bolton has been among the most hawkish critics of the deal and efforts by the Biden administration to rejoin it.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

US: Operations around Taiwan will continue amid China’s pressure

From news services

The Biden administration is vowing to keep sailing warships through the Taiwan Strait and to conduct air operations in the region in response to Chinese military drills that U.S. officials say are evolving into a long-term strategy of military pressure on the island.

Administration officials said they did not want to escalate tension, which China maintains was provoked by last week’s visit to the island by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

But in interviews and public statements, American and Taiwanese officials made clear they believe China used the visit by Pelosi, D-Calif., as a pretext to step up its operations to intimidate Taiwan for months or years to come, and perhaps speed up plans for control over the island’s 23 million people.

Within a few weeks, officials said, the U.S. Navy is planning to run ships through the Taiwan Strait, ignoring China’s claim it controls the waterway. Officials said they would not send the Ronald Reagan, the Japan-based aircraft carrier.

Colin Kahl, the undersecretary of defense for policy, told reporters this week that China was trying to “coerce” Taiwan and the international community.

“And all I’ll say is we’re not going to take the bait, and it’s not going to work,” he said.

He insisted the United States would conduct business as usual. “What we’ll do instead, is to continue to fly, to sail and operate wherever international law allows us to do so, and that includes in the Taiwan Strait,” he said.

Interviews with administration, intelligence and military officials, and

outside experts, revealed a growing sense that China’s exercises were turning point in China’s strategy. Several officials believe President Xi Jinping is seeking to demonstrate a greater willingness to use force to accomplish reunification, if necessary.

In a white paper the Chinese government published Wednesday, Beijing said that it would prefer unification by peaceful means but also made clear it was keeping all options on the table.

The exercises came weeks after a new U.S. intelligence assessment concluded that Xi might try to move against the island in the next 18 months.

NM Muslim killings: A fear of attacks that had rippled through Muslim communities nationwide after the fatal shootings of four men in Albuquerque, New Mexico, gave way to shock and sadness when it turned out the suspect in the killings was a Muslim.

Muhammad Syed, 51, of Albuquerque, was arrested Monday over 100 miles from his Albuquerque home.

The Afghan immigrant denied any connection to the crimes.

In court documents, he told police that he was driving to Houston to find a new home for his family. But investigators say they have ample evidence to prove his guilt, though they have yet to uncover the motive.

The earliest case involves the November killing of Mohammad Ahmadi, 62, from Afghanistan. Naeem Hussain, a 25-year-old man from Pakistan, was killed last Friday. His death came just days after those of Muhammad Afzaal Hussain, 27, and Aftab Hussein, 41, who were also from Pakistan



Soldiers clear debris from a residential area Wednesday in Seoul, South Korea. Two days of record-breaking rainfall around the capital region left thousands of buildings and roads damaged and at least 10 people dead with seven others still missing. Another 4 to 12 inches of rain is forecast for the southern regions of the country through Thursday. **JUNG YEON-JE/GETTY-AFP**

and members of the same mosque.

A tip from the Muslim community led police to the Syed family, authorities said, noting that Syed knew the victims and “an interpersonal conflict” may have led to the shootings.

Prosecutors on Wednesday filed a motion to detain Syed without bond pending trial.

Polio shots in Britain: Children ages 1 to 9 in London were made eligible for booster doses of a polio vaccine Wednesday after British health authorities reported finding evidence the virus has spread in multiple areas of the city but found no cases of the paralytic disease in people.

Britain’s Health Security Agency said it detected viruses derived from the oral polio vaccine in the sewage water of eight London boroughs. The agency’s analysis of the virus samples suggested “transmission has gone beyond a close network of a few individuals.”

The agency said it had not located anyone infected

with the virus and that the risk to the wider population was low. The decision to offer young children boosters was a precaution, it said.

The agency said it is also expanding surveillance of sewage water to at least another 25 U.K. sites.

Russian oil: Shipments of oil from Russia through a critical pipeline to several European countries resumed after a problem over payments for transit was resolved, Slovakia’s Economy Minister Richard Sulik said on Wednesday.

“Oil is already on Slovakia territory,” he said on Facebook without giving further details.

But no oil has reached the neighboring Czech Republic yet, the country’s Mero pipeline operator said, and Hungary also was still to receive deliveries by Wednesday evening.

Russian state pipeline operator Transneft said Tuesday it halted shipments through the southern branch of the Druzhba, or Friendship, pipeline, which runs through Ukraine to the

Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

Transneft cited complications due to European Union sanctions for its action on Aug. 4, saying its payment to the company’s Ukrainian counterpart was refused.

Earlier Wednesday, Sulik said the payments would be made by Slovak refiner Slovnaft after both the Russian and Ukrainian sides agreed to the solution. Slovnaft is owned by Hungary’s MOL energy group.

Biden’s summer break: President Joe Biden arrived in South Carolina on Wednesday to begin what is expected to be at least a seven-day vacation with members of his family.

The first couple was planning to be in Kiawah Island, noted for its private beach and golf resort, through Tuesday, according to Federal Aviation Administration advisories.

The White House did not respond to requests to provide details on Biden’s vacation schedule, activities or when he planned to return to Washington.

Drug-dealing former dean: A former Boston high school dean in prison for shooting a student he recruited to deal drugs has pleaded guilty to a federal gang-related charge.

Shaun Harrison, 63, who was known by students at The English High School as “Rev,” pleaded guilty in Boston federal court on Tuesday to a count of racketeering conspiracy more than two years after he was indicted alongside dozens of other Latin Kings members, leaders and associates.

Harrison was convicted in state court in 2018 of assault and other charges, and sentenced to up to 26 years in prison for shooting a 17-year-old student in the back of the head after a dispute over slumping drug sales. The teen survived.

A federal judge recently ordered Harrison to pay more than \$10 million in damages to the former student he was convicted of trying to kill, but it’s unclear whether the victim will ever get any of the money from Harrison.



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WORLD & NATION

Afghan drawdown weighs on Biden

Despite recent wins, chaotic end to war is key turning point

By Amer Madhani
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 12 months since the chaotic end to the U.S. war in Afghanistan haven't been easy for Joe Biden.

The new president was flying high early in the summer of 2021, the American electorate largely approving of Biden's performance and giving him high marks for his handling of the economy and the coronavirus pandemic.

But come August, the messy U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan seemed to mark the start of things going sideways for him.

It was a disquieting book-end to the 20-year American war: the U.S.-backed Afghan government collapsed, a grisly bombing killed 13 U.S. troops and 170 others, and thousands of desperate Afghans descended on Kabul's airport in search of a way out before the final U.S. cargo planes departed over the Hindu Kush.

The disastrous drawdown was, at the time, the biggest crisis that the relatively new administration had faced. It left sharp questions about Biden and his team's competence and experience — the twin pillars central to his campaign for the White House.

As the one-year anniversary of the end of the Afghan war nears, the episode — a turning point in Biden's presidency — continues to resonate as he struggles to shake dismal polling numbers and lift American confidence in his administration ahead of November's critical midterm elections.

"It was a pivotal moment that he hasn't ever really recovered from," said Christopher Borick, director of the Institute of Public Opinion at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania. "Things were



Hundreds of people gather near a U.S. Air Force C-17 transport plane on Aug. 16, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan. SHEKIB RAHMANI/AP

going really well in terms of how voters viewed him in terms of bringing stability to the economy and how the government addressed the pandemic, issues that are higher priorities to the American electorate than the war in Afghanistan. But Afghanistan cracked that image of competency, and he hasn't ever really been able to repair it."

The Afghanistan debacle was just the start of a series of crises for Biden.

As Biden was still dealing with fallout from the Afghan withdrawal last summer, COVID-19 cases began spiking again. Layered over that in coming were months were strains on the economy caused by inflation, labor shortages and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The sum of it left Americans weary.

In the weeks before Afghanistan went sideways, Biden's approval rating stood at 59% in a July 2021 poll by Associated

Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. An AP-NORC poll conducted last month put his rating at 36%.

White House officials and Biden allies hope the president is now at another turning point — this one in his favor.

The administration has recently racked up high-profile wins on Capitol Hill, including passage of the \$280 billion CHIPS and Science Act designed to boost the U.S. semiconductor industry. Congress also passed a program to treat veterans who may have been exposed to toxic burn pits on U.S. military bases.

And over the weekend the White House sealed the deal on far-reaching legislation addressing health care and climate change that also raises taxes on high earners and large corporations, a package the administration says will also help mitigate the impact of high inflation.

The legislative victo-

ries followed Biden ordering the CIA drone strike in Kabul that killed al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri, who along with Osama bin Laden masterminded the 9/11 attacks. Biden says the operation validates the decision to withdraw from Afghanistan.

"I made the decision to end America's longest war ... and that we'd be able to protect America and root out terrorism in Afghanistan or anywhere in the world," Biden told a Democratic National Committee virtual rally last week. "And that's exactly what we did."

Biden had other big legislative wins after the Afghanistan debacle. In November, he signed into law a \$1 trillion infrastructure deal to fund rebuilding of roads, bridges and other big projects. In April, the Senate confirmed Biden's history-making U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Jackson Brown, who became the first Black

woman to serve on the high court. And in June, Congress passed the most significant changes to gun laws in nearly 30 years.

But those legislative accomplishments weren't rewarded with a boost in his standing with voters.

Eric Schultz, a senior adviser to former President Barack Obama, argues that there's reason for the White House to hope that momentum is shifting.

"The question is, 'What did Democrats deliver when they swept into power in 2020?'" Schultz said. "And I think for Democrats running in November, we have an even better answer to that question than we did just a few weeks ago."

Schultz added that the operation that killed al-Zawahri also offered strong evidence that Biden's instincts as commander in chief were correct.

"Nobody thought Afghanistan was going to be a panacea of rainbows and

unicorns after we left," Schultz said. "But the president made the right decision that based on U.S. national security interests we could execute our counterterrorism imperatives without having thousands of troops on the ground."

William Howell, a political scientist and director of the Center for Effective Government at the University of Chicago, said the biggest drag on Biden's standing with Americans has been runaway inflation and an unrelenting pandemic.

But the Afghanistan debacle became a defining moment in the Biden presidency, he said, marking when the American electorate began questioning Biden's ability to fulfill his campaign promise to usher in an era of greater empathy and collaboration with allies.

"Afghanistan remains significant going forward as he tries to make that central 2020 argument of competency," Howell said. "The images of Afghanistan are going to remain Exhibit A in the other side's rebuttal of the competency claim."

The administration, for its part, has pushed back that lost in the criticism of the U.S. withdrawal effort is that in the war's final days, the United States pulled off the largest airlift in American history, evacuating some 130,000 U.S. citizens, citizens of allied countries and Afghans who worked with the United States.

Biden continues to face criticism from immigrant refugee advocates that the administration has fallen short in resettling Afghans who assisted the U.S. war effort. As of July, over 74,000 Afghan applicants remained in the pipeline for special visas that help military interpreters and others who worked on government-funded contracts move to the United States and pave the way for them to receive a green card.



Anti-abortion protesters rally Tuesday outside a clinic in Lincoln, Neb. A Nebraska mother and daughter have been charged in an abortion case. KENNETH FERREIRA/LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR

Neb. mom, 41, charged with aiding in daughter's abortion

By Josh Funk
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A Nebraska woman has been charged with helping her teenage daughter end her pregnancy at about 24 weeks after investigators obtained Facebook messages in which the two discussed using medication to induce an abortion and plans to burn the fetus afterward.

The prosecutor handling the case said it's the first time he has charged anyone for illegally performing an abortion after 20 weeks, a restriction that was passed in 2010. Before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June, states weren't allowed to enforce abortion bans until the point at which a fetus is considered viable outside the womb, at roughly 24 weeks.

In one of the Facebook messages, Jessica Burgess, 41, of Norfolk, tells her then-17-year-old daughter that she has obtained abortion pills for her and gives her instructions on how to take them to end the pregnancy.

The daughter, meanwhile, "talks about how she can't wait to get the 'thing'

out of her body," a detective wrote in court documents. "I will finally be able to wear jeans," she says in one of the messages.

Law enforcement authorities obtained the messages with a search warrant, and detailed some of them in court documents.

In early June, the mother and daughter were only charged with a single felony for removing, concealing or abandoning a body, and two misdemeanors: concealing the death of another person and false reporting. It wasn't until about a month later, after investigators reviewed the private Facebook messages, that they added the felony abortion-related charges against the mother.

The daughter, now 18, is being charged as an adult at prosecutors' request.

When first interviewed, the two told investigators that the teen had unexpectedly given birth to a still-born baby in the shower in the early morning hours of April 22. They said they put the fetus in a bag, placed it in a box in the back of their van, and later drove several miles north of town, where

they buried the body with the help of a 22-year-old man.

The man, whom The Associated Press is not identifying because he has only been charged with a misdemeanor, has pleaded no contest to helping bury the fetus on rural land his parents own in northeast Nebraska.

Based on medical records, the fetus was more than 23 weeks old, the detective wrote.

Burgess later admitted to buying the abortion pills "for the purpose of instigating a miscarriage."

The group National Advocates for Pregnant Women, which supports abortion rights, found 1,331 arrests or detentions of women for crimes related to their pregnancy from 2006 to 2020.

Facebook spokesman Andy Stone defended the way the company handled authorities' request for information in the case.

"Nothing in the valid warrants we received from local law enforcement in early June, prior to the Supreme Court decision, mentioned abortion," he said.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian planes destroyed in Crimea blasts, Ukraine says

By Susie Blann
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's air force said Wednesday that nine Russian warplanes were destroyed in a deadly string of explosions at an air base in Crimea, amid speculation the blasts were the result of a Ukrainian attack that would represent a significant escalation in the war.

Russia denied any aircraft were damaged in Tuesday's blasts — or that any attack took place.

Ukrainian officials stopped short of publicly claiming responsibility for the explosions, while mocking Russia's explanation that a careless smoker might have caused ammunition at the Saki air base to catch fire and blow up.

Analysts also said that explanation doesn't make sense and that the Ukrainians could have used anti-ship missiles to strike the base.

If Ukrainian forces were responsible for the blasts, it would be the first known major attack on a Russian military site on the Crimean Peninsula, which was seized from Ukraine by the Kremlin in 2014. Russian warplanes have used Saki to strike areas in Ukraine's south.

Crimea holds huge strategic and symbolic significance for both sides.

The Kremlin's demand that Ukraine recognize Crimea as part of Russia has been one of its conditions for ending the fighting, while Ukraine has vowed to drive the Russians from the peninsula and all other occupied territories.

Hours after the blasts, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy promised again to do just that.

"This Russian war against Ukraine and against all of free Europe began with Crimea and must end with



A satellite image shows aircraft at the Russian base before explosions Tuesday in the Crimean Peninsula, which was seized by Moscow and annexed in 2014. PLANET LABS PBC

Crimea — its liberation," he said.

The explosions, which killed one person and wounded 14, sent tourists fleeing in panic as plumes of smoke rose over the coastline nearby. Video showed shattered windows and holes in the brickwork of some buildings.

Crimea's regional leader, Sergei Aksyonov, said some 250 residents were moved to temporary housing after dozens of apartment buildings were damaged.

But Russian authorities sought to downplay the explosions Wednesday, saying all hotels and beaches were unaffected on the peninsula, which is a tourist destination for many Russians.

A Ukrainian parliament member, Oleksandr Zavitsky, said the airfield was rendered unusable. He reported on Facebook that it housed fighter jets, tactical reconnaissance aircraft and military transport planes.

"Official Kyiv has kept mum about it, but unofficially the military acknowledges that it was a Ukrainian strike," Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said.

The Washington-based Institute for the Study of War said that simultane-

ous blasts in two places at the base probably rule out an accidental fire but not sabotage or a missile attack.

But it added: "The Kremlin has little incentive to accuse Ukraine of conducting strikes that caused the damage since such strikes would demonstrate the ineffectiveness of Russian air defense systems."

In other developments:

■ Russian forces shelled areas across Ukraine on Tuesday night into Wednesday, including the central region of Dnipropetrovsk, where 13 people were killed, according to the region's governor, Valentyn Reznichenko.

Reznichenko said the Russians fired at the city of Marhanets and a nearby village. Dozens of residential buildings, two schools and several administrative buildings were damaged.

■ In the country's southeast, Moscow's forces continued shelling the city of Nikopol across the Dnieper River from the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia power station, the biggest nuclear plant in Europe. Ukraine and Russia have accused each other of shelling it, stoking international fears of a catastrophe.

WORLD & NATION

Pandemic generation faces college

Upheavals left many unready for higher learning’s challenges

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

Angel Hope looked at the math test and felt lost. He had just graduated near the top of his high school class, winning scholarships from prestigious colleges. But on this test — a University of Wisconsin exam that measures what new students learned in high school — all he could do was guess.

It was like the disruption of the pandemic was catching up to him all at once.

Nearly a third of Hope’s high school career was spent at home, in virtual classes that were hard to follow and easy to brush aside. Some days he skipped school to work extra hours at his job. Some days he played games with his brother and sister. Other days he just stayed in bed.

Algebra got little of his attention, but his teachers kept giving him good grades amid a school-wide push for leniency.

“It was like school was optional. It wasn’t a mandatory thing,” said Hope, 18, of Milwaukee. “I feel like I didn’t really learn anything.”

Across the country, there are countless others like him. Hundreds of thousands of recent graduates are heading to college this fall after spending more than half their high school careers dealing with the upheaval of a pandemic. They endured a jarring transition to online learning, the strains from teacher shortages and profound disruptions to their home lives. And many are believed to be significantly behind academically.

Colleges could see a surge in students unprepared for the demands of college-level work, education experts say. Starting a step behind can raise the risk of dropping



Angel Hope, center, works on a math problem July 27 in a six-week summer bridge program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **CARRIE ANTLEFINGER/AP**

out. And that can hurt everything from a person’s long-term earnings to the health of the country’s workforce.

The extent of the problem became apparent to Allison Wagner as she reviewed applications for All-In Milwaukee, a scholarship program that provides financial aid and college counseling to low-income students, including Hope.

Wagner, the group’s executive director, saw startling numbers of students who were granted permission to spend half the school day working part-time jobs their senior year. And she saw more students than ever who didn’t take math or science classes their senior year, often as a result of teacher shortages.

“We have so many students who are going on to college academically malnourished,” Wagner

said. “There is no way they are going to be academically prepared for the rigor of college.”

Her group is boosting its tutoring budget and covering tuition for students in the program who take summer classes in math or science. Still, she fears the setbacks will force some students to take more than four years to graduate, or worse, drop out.

Researchers say it’s clear that remote instruction caused learning setbacks, most sharply among Black and Hispanic students. For younger students, there’s still hope that U.S. schools can accelerate the pace of instruction and close learning gaps. But experts fear many who graduated in the last two years will struggle.

In anticipation of higher needs, colleges from New Jersey to California have been expanding “bridge”

programs that provide summer classes, often for students from lower incomes or those who are the first in their families to attend college. Programs previously treated as orientation are taking on a harder academic edge, with a focus on math, science and study skills.

In Hanceville, Alabama, Wallace State Community College this year tapped state money to create its first summer bridge program as it braces for an influx of underprepared students. Students could take three weeks of accelerated lessons in math and English in a bid to avoid remedial classes.

The school hoped to bring up to 140 students to campus, but just 10 signed up.

Other states have used federal pandemic relief to help colleges build summer programs. In Kentucky, which gave colleges \$3.5

million for the effort this year, officials called it a “moral imperative.”

“We need these people to be our future workforce, and we need them to be successful,” said Amanda Ellis, a vice president of Kentucky’s Council on Postsecondary Education.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, the allure of steady paychecks kept many students away from school even after in-person classes resumed, said Shakaka Perry, a reengagement coordinator for Communities in Schools.

Perry and her colleagues spent last school year bringing students back to school and getting them ready for graduation. But when she thinks about whether they’re ready for college, she has doubts: “It’s going to be an awakening.”

A couple months after

struggling through his math placement test, Hope headed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for six weeks of intense classes at a summer bridge program. He took a math class that covered the ground he missed in high school, and he’s signed up to take calculus in the fall.

He also revived basic study skills that went dormant in high school. He started studying at the library. He got used to the rhythms of assignments every day and tests every other week. He rediscovered what it’s like to enjoy school.

Most importantly, he says it changed his mindset. Now he feels like he’s there to learn, not just to get by.

“After this, I definitely feel prepared for college,” he said. “If I didn’t have this, I would be in a very bad place.”

Taiwanese activists: Push back loudly, publicly

When Chinese jail term split pair, wife projected strength

By Amy Qin
and Amy Chang Chien
The New York Times

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Li Ching-yu was desperate to send her husband a message.

It was September 2017. Her husband, Li Ming-che, who like her is from Taiwan, was about to stand trial in China, accused of subverting state power because of his work as a democracy advocate. A guilty verdict was all but guaranteed. The chance that the couple would have an unsupervised moment together was not.

Li Ching-yu came up with a plan. She knew that the Chinese authorities could prevent her from speaking to her husband, but they could not stop her from using her body as a canvas. The couple was allowed to meet briefly in another room after his trial in Hunan province. Watched by court officers and state media reporters, Li raised her arms to reveal the message boldly tattooed in Chinese characters on her forearms: “Li Ming-che, I am proud of you.”

“My strength immediately increased a hundredfold,” Li Ming-che, 47, said recently, recalling the moment he saw the tattoo. “That has been the greatest comfort for me in the past five years — knowing that I would not be abandoned by family.”

In the months since Li’s release in April, the couple has sought to use their experience to strengthen the efforts of people in Taiwan — a self-governing democracy that Beijing claims as its territory — and elsewhere seeking to resist China’s authoritarian overreach. Beijing’s threats toward Taiwan have taken on a new urgency in recent days after the Chinese military sent warships and fighter jets in response to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to the island.

Li Ming-che was among



Li Ming-che and his wife, Li Ching-yu, talk during a June 9 meeting with other activists in Taipei, Taiwan. The couple has sought to bolster efforts of activists working to curb the Chinese government’s authoritarian excesses. **LAM YIK FEI/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

activists and civil society leaders who met with Pelosi, D-Calif., as part of her visit last week. During the meeting, Li said, Pelosi spoke about her long-held views on China’s human rights — how frustrated she felt that young Chinese did not recognize the famous “Tank Man” photo from the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989, and her disappointment in those who overlooked China’s abuses in the interest of financial gain.

Li has said his arrest, as well as Beijing’s crackdown in Hong Kong, were signs of China’s increasing willingness to throw around its power. In the face of such intimidation, the couple has told activists, pushing back publicly and loudly can help those oppressed by the system.

To some, such a message might sound overly optimistic. China’s ruling Communist Party wields largely unchecked power over the courts, the security appa-

ratus and the media. The family members of political detainees, faced with the threat that speaking out would result in retaliation against their loved ones, often heed the warnings of the authorities to stay quiet.

Li Ching-yu, 47, chose a different approach.

After her husband was arrested, she held news conferences urging China to release him. She traveled twice to Washington where she met with Trump administration officials and testified before Congress, pleading for help in pressuring Beijing.

As a Taiwanese person, Li Ming-che was afforded a degree of protection that mainland Chinese citizens do not have, the couple acknowledged. But Li Ching-yu’s efforts to raise awareness globally, they said, helped improve his circumstances.

Li Ming-che was forced to work 12 hours a day making gloves and shoes with other inmates, but was

not tortured. Before the pandemic, he was allowed certain privileges not usually given to political prisoners, such as timely medical care and prison-approved reading materials.

“The decision she made to be so public about his case was very unusual,” said Yaqiu Wang, a senior China researcher at Human Rights Watch. “But it worked — generally, international attention makes the authorities aware that the prisoners are being watched.”

The couple’s story has resonated with many in their tight-knit community of human rights advocates and nongovernmental groups.

“The biggest trouble for Chinese people now is that they all know that the Communist Party is not good, but they do not know how to change it,” Li Ming-che said. “At least our example can give more people the confidence to believe that they can change their situation through their own

efforts.”

Born and raised in Taiwan to parents who had fled mainland China, Li was a longtime sympathizer of China’s beleaguered democracy movement. He frequently discussed Taiwan’s experiences with democratization with people in China. He donated money and books to the relatives of imprisoned Chinese, including rights lawyers and political prisoners. For several years, he had traveled to the mainland without incident.

Then, on March 19, 2017, after Li entered the southern Chinese city of Zhuhai, he was whisked away to a secret prison and interrogated about his work and his connections with civil society groups and government bodies in Taiwan.

“I knew I was doomed,” Li said.

When a Chinese court sentenced Li to five years in prison in late 2017, his wife, back in Taiwan, was devastated. She had already lost

30 pounds. Her health deteriorated.

But she was adamant about one thing: She needed to project strength. She had spent years researching Taiwan’s White Terror, a period of political repression that began in 1949 and ended in the late 1980s, under the rule of Chiang Kai-shek’s Kuomintang, when tens of thousands of Taiwanese were imprisoned and at least 1,000 were executed, often on suspicion of being communist spies.

Her mentor, Shih Ming-teh, who had been held as a political prisoner in Taiwan for more than 25 years, said authoritarian governments were the same: They responded only to strength, not weakness.

“Don’t just focus on how powerful a dictatorship is,” Shih recalled telling Li Ching-yu.


Emboldened, Li kept up her campaign at home and abroad, and was followed closely by the Taiwanese public, who saw in her an eloquent and courageous critic of the authoritarian government in China.

She also knew from hours spent reading the files of former Taiwanese political prisoners how important it was to let her husband know his family supported him.

“Most of the people gave up because their families had fallen apart,” Li said.

Nearly every month for more than two years, she flew to China to meet her husband for brief, closely monitored visits. Li Ming-che told her about the grim conditions inside the prison: the long working hours, the frigid water. Each time, she would raise these problems publicly. When some conditions improved, Li, inside the prison, would beam with pride, knowing his wife’s advocacy was working.

“The Chinese government arrested the wrong person politically,” Li told reporters in Taipei in May. “It did not know that my wife, Li Ching-yu, was a fierce woman.”



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As inflation cooled, prices rose slower

But not for energy in the Northeast

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Prices rose more slowly in the Northeast in July than the rest of the nation, helped by slowing housing costs, the U.S. Department

of Labor reported Wednesday. The Labor Department reported the consumer-price index rose 8.5% in July from the same month a year ago, down from 9.1% in June, which marked the fastest inflationary pace since November 1981. In the Northeast, prices rose 7.3% in July, or 1.2 percentage points less than the rest of the country. Price changes varied

among different items. The CPI measures what consumers pay for goods and services. The cost of food and beverages in the Northeast rose 10.1% vs. 10.9% in the U.S., apparel cost 4.3% more in the Northeast and 5.1% elsewhere in the country and paying more for transportation and medical care also took less from

consumers in the Northeast. The cost to heat homes and businesses in the Northeast went on a tear, rising by 24.1% from July 2021, while jumping 16.6% in the rest of the U.S. Costly energy is not a surprise. The price of electricity per kilowatt hour is higher in New England than elsewhere, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Cold winters drive up demand, and the cost, of natural gas to fuel power plants, transit costs are higher for natural gas pipelines that extend from the Northeast into New England and public policy is boosting costlier low- or zero-carbon power such as solar and nuclear.

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The UConn campus is shown. When the state of Connecticut needed a computer system for its planned health information network, the state tapped UConn to develop the software for the system, known as Connie. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Connecticut officials nixed \$20M health information network computer software

By Christopher Hoffman
Conn. Health I-Team Writer

When Connecticut needed a computer system for its planned health information network, it came up with a novel solution. Instead of hiring consultants, the state tapped the University of Connecticut to develop the software for the network known as Connie. In 2017, the school created a new unit called UConn Analytics and Information Management Solutions — UConn AIMS for short — to do the work.

Providing the computer architecture for Connie, an electronic system allowing health care professionals and entities like hospitals and labs to access patient information statewide, was supposed to be just the beginning for UConn AIMS, director Alan Fontes said. The Core Analytic Data System — CDAS for short — created for Connie had many other uses beyond health care, Fontes said. “It was bringing these resources into the state as state assets,” Fontes said.

“They would have had it as an asset instead of going out and hiring a lot of consultants.” Today, UConn AIMS is out of business, 20 people are out of jobs and the system developed for Connie at the cost of about \$20 million has been discarded and dismantled. Around the time of Connie’s launch in May 2021, the Office of Health Strategy, which was in charge of standing up the network, ended the funding and discarded the customized system UConn AIMS had spent four years devel-

oping. In its place, the agency purchased an existing system developed for Maryland’s health information network, whose annual cost will approach \$1 million next year, Connie spokeswoman Jami Ouellette said. Why UConn AIMS’ system was dumped and dismantled is unclear. Connie, an independent nonprofit, played no role in the decision, Ouellette said in an email. “The UConn AIMS contract

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KILLINGLY State has questions for Board of Education

By Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

The state has summoned members of the Killingly Board of Education and the superintendent to answer a few more questions about whether the board’s rejection of a grant-funded mental health center for the high school violated the state’s educational interests. In a letter sent to Killingly officials Monday, the state Department of Education said “questions ... have arisen” after an “exhaustive and time-sensitive” review of a number of issues raised in an April complaint from parents that the board initially responded to in May. Among them: When Killingly applied for some federal grants, it said it planned to establish a “school-based health center” that would provide social and emotional support to students. The board later decided against creating a school-based health center, despite a \$3.2 million federal grant. The Department of Education wants to know more about how and why the board made that decision. For months, the town has been embroiled in a battle over the school-based health center. Parents, teachers and students have spoken in favor of the center, citing a heightened need for mental health care in Killingly. The board voted against the center in March, saying they were concerned about a lack of parental consent for care, although the provider who would have run the center has said parental involvement is “emphasized as crucial to successful treatment.”

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Native American festivals in August celebrate the harvest with dancing, food

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Two annual Native American events celebrating the harvest will take place in August: The Green Corn Festival in Washington and Schemitzun in Mashantucket. Green Corn Festival The 17th annual Green Corn Festival, presented by the Institute for American Indian Studies, is Aug. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. at Riverwalk Pavilion, 11A School St. in Washington. Among the entertainment for

the day are flutist Allan Madahbee of the Ojibwe tribe, the Native Nations Dance Troupe led by Erin Meeches of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, the Quahog Bay Drum Group led by Devin Wixon of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nation and a professional Native American storyteller. Dancing will be at 1 and 3 p.m. Also offered are children’s activities and vendors selling arts and crafts. Yapopup, the Indigenous Soul Food Truck owned by Pueblo Chef Ryan Rainbird Taylor of New Mexico’s Ohkay Owingeh

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A dancer participates in an intertribal dance at Schemitzun on the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation in Mashantucket in 2021. JESSICA HILL/AP

30TH HOUSE DISTRICT Former Berlin town manager runs against Rep. incumbent

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

After losing House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz’s district after he retired in 2020, Berlin and Southington Democrats are looking to a well-known former town manager to get them back in power in November. Republicans, however, are campaigning to hold the 30th House District seat by supporting Rep. Donna Veach’s reelection bid. Veach won a convincing victory in 2020 in what had been a Democratic stronghold. Southington and Berlin Democrats initially put forward Lois Campanelli to run against Veach,

but she withdrew her candidacy. The party then chose Barbara McNair in late July as their new candidate. McNair is a former nine-year town manager of Berlin, and before that was tax collector. “My husband, Jim, and I raised our family in Berlin and have long been part of the community here,” McNair said in a statement after being nominated. Berlin Democratic Town Chair Kristin Campanelli and Southington Democratic Town Chair Erin Morran-Cowles both said their committees will work for McNair. McNair is an attorney who

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Police investigating body found in gazebo in Enfield town green

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Enfield police are conducting a homicide investigation after a body was found near the Enfield town hall on Wednesday, according to police.

A pedestrian walking near the town green saw the body in the gazebo after 2:30 a.m. on Wednes-

day, Enfield Police Chief Alaric Fox said. Responding officers confirmed the man was dead.

Fox said police have made a preliminary identification of the man but have not reached next of kin so they are not releasing his name.

Fox said police are “actively pursuing a number of leads.”

“We are comfortable calling

this a homicide investigation,” Fox said, according to multiple media reports. “I’m not in a position to go into the specific details as it has the potential to impact the integrity of the investigation.”

Fox said if there are any witnesses to this crime or if they have any additional information, to contact the Enfield Police Department.

DEEP closes 3 swimming areas in Connecticut for testing of water



Hopeville Pond was one of three swimming areas at Connecticut state parks to be closed Wednesday for water testing. COURANT FILE PHOTO

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Three swimming areas at Connecticut state parks were closed Wednesday for water testing, according to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Squantz Pond in New Fairfield, Hopeville Pond in Griswold and Chatfield Hollow in Killingworth were closed for the day while DEEP ran water testing, DEEP administrative assistant Rosalynn Grzywinski said.

Test results are expected Thursday morning, Grzywinski said.

All other swimming areas at state parks were open except Mashmoquet Brook State Park in Pomfret, which is closed for the season because of maintenance.



The Wallingford Police Department is looking to locate an older black Honda Accord (pictured) believed to be involved in a carjacking Tuesday. WALLINGFORD POLICE

WALLINGFORD

Police: Delivery driver dragged during carjacking

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A man was dragged hundreds of feet after his car was stolen during a food delivery in Wallingford on Tuesday, police said.

The Wallingford Police Department responded to the area of 44 Chimney Hill Road for a suspicious vehicle around 4:30 p.m.

Police found an older black Honda Accord with dark tinted windows and a trash bag covering the license plate. They attempted to pull the Honda over, but the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed.

Shortly after, officers responded to Chimney Hill and Sullivan Avenue for a reported carjacking and found a man who was suffering from several cuts to his head,

knee and foot. He was treated on the scene by medical personnel.

Police learned he was trying to deliver food to an address in the area when he was confronted by two men. One of the men had an object in his hand when they tried to physically take his black Nissan Rogue from him, police said.

The victim told the officers he was distraught and could not identify the object.

The man said he was dragged approximately 500 feet before letting go of the fleeing car. His stolen Nissan was recovered in Meriden a short time later, police said.

Police are looking for the Honda and asked anyone who sees it to contact Det. Sterback at 203-294-2856.

Two children hospitalized, New Britain house condemned due to mercury levels

Staff Report
Hartford Courant

Two children were hospitalized and a New Britain home was condemned after mercury levels 600 times the permissible limit were discovered on Tuesday.

The DEEP Emergency Response Unit responded to a call from a local hospital to investigate possible mercury contamination at a home on Hatch Street in New Britain after two children were hospitalized, according to DEEP director of communications Will Healey.

One of the children found a jar of silver-colored liquid and started playing with it, Healey said. The second child scooped up the liquid and disposed of it.

The DEEP Emergency Response Unit arrived at the house and conducted testing, finding levels close to 600 times the permissible limit for human exposure to mercury. According to Healey, the five remaining people in the house were taken to the hospital to be checked for mercury exposure.

The local health department

condemned the house, according to Healey, and the next steps are being determined. Environmental Services, Inc. was contracted to help DEEP with the clean-up.

“There is no risk to the public at this time,” Healey said in a statement.

DEEP is working with New Britain and the local health department to relocate the residents.

“If you find a silvery liquid, do not play with it or handle it,” according to a DEEP statement. “Contact a professional to properly dispose of it.”

Prices

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Housing costs rose more slowly, up 5.5% in the Northeast vs. 7.4%. Economist Don Klepper-Smith said it was due, at least partly, to the region’s weak labor market.

Housing prices in the Northeast began rising at the start of the pandemic in 2020 as residents of New York and other large cities fled for New England and New York’s Hudson Valley in search of more space. A surge of home buying and building drove up costs.

The Northeast was on the “front

end” of rising housing prices, Klepper-Smith said. Housing is linked to the strength of labor markets, which have been weak in parts of the Northeast.

“You’re not going to get traction in housing markets without traction in labor markets first,” he said.

In New England’s two states with the largest economies, Connecticut and Massachusetts, the unemployment rate in July was 4% and 3.7% respectively, exceeding the U.S. rate of 3.5%. Joblessness also was higher than the U.S. rate in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

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was funded by OHS directly to UConn AIMS,” she said. “Connie has never had a contract with UConn AIMS, and therefore, did not have any authority regarding UConn AIMS contract decisions.”

Former OHS Executive Director Vicki Veltri, who left the agency July 1, would only say that UConn AIMS’ federal funding ran out at the end of 2020. In an interview earlier this year, Veltri, who had high praise for the CDAS system in an August 2020 UConn Today article, said she consulted with UConn and the state Department of Social Services, and “there was a combined decision to go in another direction.”

”They Basically Threw It Away”

But Stephanie Reitz, UConn spokeswoman and manager of media relations, said the school, which defends the system, only agreed to withdraw UConn AIMS’ system “when it became evident that the funding would expire without other sources available to continue supporting it.”

UConn is disappointed that Connie does not use the innovative system its unit spent years and millions of dollars developing, Reitz said.

“UConn wishes the work of AIMS would have led to a different outcome,” she said. “The university entered into the endeavor with OHS to develop a novel data analytics solution better than products offered by private contractors and that could add value to the state and beyond. We believe that [UConn AIMS’] product did exactly that.”

The discarding of their system left three UConn AIMS team members, all of whom lost their jobs, so angry and frustrated that they filed a complaint late last year with the State Auditors of Public Accounts asking it to investigate. The auditors, per their policy of neither confirming nor denying investigations, declined comment.

“They basically threw it away,”

former UConn AIMS Deputy Director Christopher Gracia told C-HIT. “It hurts because we put a lot of time and money into it for the state. It hurts that the citizens, the residents of the state, aren’t going to experience what they could have had.”

Assessment Blindsides UConn AIMS

The effort to create a Connecticut health information network has a long and checkered history. Three attempts over nearly a decade ended in expensive failures. In 2017, the state decided to try again.

Connie, the latest attempt, was to have two purposes: enable medical personnel statewide to access a patient’s full medical history regardless of where the records are kept and analysis to improve care and reduce costs.

The legislature assigned the job of standing up Connie to OHS, which hired several consultants, including UConn AIMS. OHS ultimately paid the unit about \$20 million, most of it federal funds, to develop Connie’s computer architecture and analytics.

In the summer of 2020, with the system ready to go and Connie’s launch approaching, OHS, in agreement with the Department of Social Services, decided to conduct an assessment. It assigned the task to another consultant on the project, Michigan-based Velatura Services LLC.

In October 2020, a month before Connie was scheduled to launch, Velatura issued a report concluding UConn AIMS’ system was flawed and recommending it be abandoned in favor of one from an outside contractor. Velatura did not recommend an outside vendor.

The assessment blindsided Fontes and Gracia. Fontes contested the findings and accused Velatura of bad faith, saying the firm didn’t make it clear until late in the process that it was doing an assessment instead of seeking a demonstration. Velatura also never provided the parameters on which the system would be judged, they said.

Fontes said he was angry that the assessment slammed UConn AIMS for using simulated instead of real data to test its system when OHS was supposed to provide the real data but never did.

In addition, Fontes and Gracia accused Velatura of reneging on a promise to allow UConn AIMS to review the assessment and respond before it was designated final. Lisa Moon, who led Velatura’s assessment team, initially told Fontes in emails that the report was final and “not modifiable.”

But under pressure from UConn AIMS, Allan Hackney, who was OHS health information technology officer at the time, returned the report to draft.

Hackney, who was in charge of the Connie project starting in 2017, resigned at the end of 2020. He did not respond to voicemails left on his phone or a message sent to his LinkedIn account seeking comment.

Factual Errors, Lack Of Transparency, Omission Of Key Factors

UConn’s administration backed Fontes and his team. Radenka Maric, who at the time was UConn’s vice president for research, innovation and entrepreneurship, sent Veltri and DSS Commissioner Deidre Gifford a seven-page letter dated Nov. 9, 2020, detailing shortcomings in Velatura’s assessment.

Those shortcomings included “fatal errors, misrepresentation of scope and purpose, omission of key factors necessary for evaluation, and lack of transparency and engagement with key constituents during the evaluation and review process,” wrote Maric, who has since become UConn’s interim president.

“UConn feels very stringently that serious flaws in this document prevent its consideration as part of a critical assessment of [the system’s] functionality at this time,” Maric wrote. She went on to note that “good faith” and “clear objectives and evaluation criteria ... are lacking in the current draft report.”

Reached via email, Velatura did not respond to questions about UConn’s criticisms of its assessment, instead sending a general four-sentence statement defend-

ing its work on the Connie project.

“As a consultant to the state of Connecticut as they were standing up Connie, Velatura completed our contract deliverables to the full satisfaction of both parties,” company spokeswoman Emily Mata said in the statement.

Fontes and Gracia said they heard nothing from OHS in the weeks following UConn’s letter.

“No one communicated with me at all,” Fontes said.

Then in late December, OHS sent UConn AIMS an order to stop working at the end of the year, saying its federal funding was running out.

Veltri said Velatura’s assessment played no role in the funding cutoff. She said OHS had to stop providing money because it was unsure whether a new request for federal funds would be approved.

Meanwhile, the announced November 2020 launch of Connie was pushed forward to spring 2021. However, Fontes still had heard nothing from Connie or OHS about the assessment or whether UConn AIMS’ architecture would be used.

UConn AIMS managed to struggle along until its funding was restored in early 2021, Fontes said.

In mid-March 2021, Veltri wrote UConn a letter formally responding to UConn’s criticisms of the assessment that was sent more than four months before. Vetri reiterated that her office had not reviewed the report before it was circulated but said it had now done so.

“As you know, we had concerns about the draft report,” Veltri wrote in her March 16, 2021, letter. “Because of these concerns, the report was not finalized or published, nor will it be.”

In a May interview with C-HIT, however, Veltri denied that her decision constituted a withdrawal of the assessment. When pressed whether she agreed with the assessment’s conclusions, she said, “I stand by the work product.”

UConn, however, took Veltri’s letter as acknowledgment that “the report’s flaws were significant to the point of invalidating the draft [assessment] in its entirety,” university spokeswoman Reitz said.

UConn AIMS Terminated, Architecture Discarded

Even as Connie finally launched in May 2021, UConn AIMS heard little or nothing from OHS about the status of their system, Fontes said. With little to do and its staff shrinking, the office focused on fine-tuning what it had built, Fontes said.

“We were in limbo,” Gracia said.

In July 2021, OHS lowered the boom, informing Fontes that it would not use UConn AIMS’ system and terminating its contract. No reason was given, but Fontes said he believes it was because of Velatura’s assessment.

“That report was what they wanted to use to shut us down,” he said. He still does not fully understand why.

In the meantime, OHS purchased an existing system from CRISP, Maryland’s health information network, Connie spokeswoman Ouellette said. The annual cost is close to \$1 million.

UConn AIMS’ cost per year would have been comparable, but Fontes and Gracia say their system, which had been specifically tailored to Connecticut’s needs, would have been better.

UConn AIMS limped along for a few months, attempting to salvage pieces of what it had built and market them to other state agencies, but nothing came of it, Fontes said. At the end of September last year, Fontes let his last employees go.

Fontes stayed at UConn until he retired from the state in April. Gracia now works in the private sector.

“It felt bad at first,” Gracia said of UConn AIMS’ demise. “But by the end, we were all glad to be out of the state. It’s like a relief. It was just so chaotic and unorganized. They didn’t have the right people managing the effort. They didn’t have the right people managing the vendors. They didn’t have the right people managing us. They just didn’t have the right people.”

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CONNECTICUT

Glastonbury Food Truck Festival features some hot (weather) fun

By Steve Smith
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More than two dozen food vendors offered a wide variety of delicious, delectable treats at the Glastonbury Food Truck Festival, held at the Elks Lodge on Woodland Street in South Glastonbury over the weekend.

Hot and humid weather, tempered only briefly by clouds and light breezes, may have boosted beverage sales, but didn't appear to stop foodies from sampling new, or long-time beloved tacos, sandwiches, ice cream, macaroni-and-cheese, corn-on-the-cob, and many more items being offered.

Kids activities, including a bounce house and carnival games,



Carolynn Tezack and Cindy Torres were all smiles at the Tots, Brats and Hots Food Truck event. **STEVE SMITH**

were also enjoyed by families, and many non-food vendors also made connections with the public.

For more information, visit “Glastonbury Food Truck Festival” on Facebook.

QUICK BITES

Hops 44 in Storrs serves up craft beer, an award-winning pub menu

By Blaine Callahan
Hartford Courant

It's hard to beat local, Connecticut craft beer. But what if you added smoked meats to the mix?

“We do all of our meats in house,” said Nancy McKenney, owner of Hops 44 in Storrs. “We make all of our sauces in house. We have our smoker for our brisket, pork, wings, and more.”

The menu at Hops 44 stands out, with a wide selection of classics taken up a notch. There's lobster rangoon dip with friend wontons; ahi tuna tacos with mango, avocado and cilantro; pretzel flats in cheese; and more.

“I recommend our smoked wings, to start,” said McKenney. “We won first runner up two years in a row for the best wings in the Hartford Magazine, 2021 and 2022. Our hanging bacon is a great choice, too. We cure it in house. We smoke it in-house. We slice it, glaze it. That's one of our big-sellers.”

Getting that lobster bisque bread bowl with a quarter-pound knuckle and claw means it's made right there at the restaurant, too. There's nothing coming out of a container. Pair it up with an award-winning selection of local brews and it's just icing on the cake.

“No Budweiser, no Bud Light. We stick with our concept of craft beer only.”

From dental hygienist to restaurant owner

You may think that McKenney's background would be in the restaurant industry. It turns out

Hops 44 is her first venture after 26 years as a dental hygienist.

I was in the restaurant industry back in college,” she said. “One day when I was 48 years old, sitting with my family and heading to bed at 7:30, I thought to myself, ‘There has to be something more to this.’”

For McKenney, opening up a restaurant was her answer, and her family was more than happy to help. Her husband put in plenty of work early on. Her son, Tyler, helps manage the restaurant. Even her younger son, Ryan, works at Hops 44 as a server with his mother. They bring their familial love and camaraderie to the rest of the staff, highlighted by a standout sentence from McKenney herself.

“You'll walk in a stranger and leave a friend.”

UConn, Storrs, and a diverse clientele

You might assume most of the turnout at Hops 44 would be rowdy college students. Not so.

“I would definitely say the college clientele is only about 15-20% of the business,” said McKenney. “We cater, more so, to the parents and staff of UConn. We're not known as the college bar or restaurant.”

Even so, McKenney touched on the unique nature of having a restaurant by a massive university. She sees far more new faces year after year, as 20,000 new freshman arrive while the same number of seniors rotate out. And new parents are looking for a bite to eat and a beer to drink.

Her local community, however,

is the rock Hops 44 leans on.

“We're very big with the community,” she said. “The folks who do live here, who aren't just college-based. We have a lot of regulars who live in town or the next town over in Coventry or Ashford. They appreciate us being here. There weren't a lot of other businesses around for people to go out and sit outside on a patio, that kind of thing.”

‘Teamwork makes the dream work’

It might be a bit corny, but it's the teamwork of her family, staff, and customers that have turned Hops 44 into a popular, new destination in Storrs.

“All of our servers work together,” said McKenney. “At any particular time, you won't be served by one person. Everybody's gonna be able to help you.”

You'll even see McKenney waiting tables, taking orders, and doing the nitty gritty work as needed. She doesn't just manage from behind an office door. She's behind the bar, pouring beers, and greeting customers with a smile.

She's learned plenty the last three and a half years since Hops 44 opened its doors. She knows she still has plenty to learn as well. There's plenty of work that goes into owning a restaurant. Having her team and customers beside her makes that mountainous task achievable.

“Teamwork makes the dream work, right?”

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MANCHESTER

Leader of nationwide romance and lottery scam gets prison

Staff Report

A Manchester man was sentenced Monday to 14 years in prison for his role in lottery and romance scams that defrauded mostly elderly victims across the country of millions of dollars, according to federal officials.

Farouq Fasasi, 28, also was sentenced to three years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Stefan R. Underhill in Bridgeport, according to federal prosecutors. Underhill also ordered Fasasi to pay restitution of \$5.9 million.

Federal prosecutors, citing evidence presented during a trial in the case, said that between about August 2015 and March 2020, Fasasi, Rodney Thomas Jr. and others “used lottery scams, romance scams and other fraudulent means to induce elderly victims to provide them with money, gifts and personal details.”

“Victims sent cash, money orders or checks through the mail to various addresses in Connecticut, and also wired or deposited money into bank accounts in Connecticut controlled by conspiracy members and their associates,” prosecutors said in a statement.

“Fasasi recruited others into the scheme, including those who served as ‘money mules,’” using personal bank accounts, and opening and using bank accounts in the names of businesses and charitable organizations, to launder money obtained from fraud victims, according to federal prosecutors.

The scams defrauded more than 200 people in the U.S. of more than \$5 million; many victims were elderly and vulnerable, some lost their life savings and one Connecticut victim lost more than \$1 million, according to federal prosecutors.

“This is an appropriate sentence for a financial predator who made his money by systematically and cruelly victimizing seniors and other vulnerable individuals,” said U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery, in the statement.

Fasasi and Thomas were found guilty on Feb. 15 of multiple charges stemming from the scheme. Thomas awaits sentencing. Four other individuals also have been charged and convicted of offenses stemming from their participation in the scheme.

Fasasi, who is free on a \$200,000 bond, is to report to prison on Sept. 21.

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tribe, will offer traditional Native American dishes. GV Bites will sell Colombian fusion food and Polar Sweets Ice Cream will sell desserts.

Admission to the festival is \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 children and IAIS members, free for members' children. Preregister at iaismuseum.org. The event will be held rain or shine.

Schemitzun

Schemitzun: Feast of Green Corn and Dance, a celebration of the harvest when participants “give thanks to the Creator for our rich heritage while honoring our ancestors, warriors, veterans and elders,” will be Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Mashantucket Pequot Cultural Grounds, 2 Matt's Path in Mashantucket.

The weekend will include exhibitions of traditional and contemporary tribal dance, drum and live music, Native American-made crafts, and a re-cre-

ation of a 17th-century Eastern Woodland village with demos of fire-pit cooking, wampum and fishnet making, loom beadwork and basketry. Native American chefs will prepare chowders, fish, wild game, seasonal fruit beverages, Indian tacos, burgers, fry bread and desserts.

Among the drum groups are the Wild Band of Comanches from Oklahoma and the Wiconzani of Connecticut.

A weekend pass is \$15, one-day admission is \$10, one-day admission for seniors and ages 6 to 12 is \$8, children 5 and younger are free.

There is no on-site parking. An event shuttle departs every 30 minutes from the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center (handicapped only), and three Foxwoods Resort Casino parking areas: the Fox Tower Hotel Lop, the Grand Pequot Tower Hotel Loop and the Great Cedar Hotel Bus Loop.

For more information, visit schemitzun.com

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previously worked as an assistant clerk in the state Superior Court and in general practice at the Eisenberg, Anderson, Michalik & Lynch firm.

McNair was town manager from 2008 to 2017, leaving when the council's Republican majority signaled that it wanted to replace her.

The council supported a separation agreement for her on a party line vote that year. At the time, Mayor Richard Kaczynski told reporters that she wasn't being

terminated and that she had done a good job, but nevertheless insisted the town needed the change.

The 30th District was solidly in Democratic control during most of Aresimowicz's time in office. He was first elected in 2004, and frequently ran unopposed in his seven successful reelection campaigns.

Along the way, the former Berlin councilman became one of the most powerful leaders in the General Assembly. He was chosen as the House Majority Leader, and became Speaker of the House in 2017.

But Aresimowicz's popularity was waning before he decided to

leave after his final term ended in 2020.

He had defeated Republican Michael Gagliardi in 2018 by a mere 50 votes out of 11,746 ballots that were cast. Aresimowicz won narrowly in Berlin, and lost narrowly in Southington.

The key to the 2018 election was his endorsement by the Working Families Party, which added nearly 400 votes to the 5,499 that he took on the Democratic line. Without that, he would have lost.

The Working Families support was also critical in 2016, when Aresimowicz beat Republican Christopher Morelli 6,886 to 6,389. Working Families ballots

accounted for 671 of Aresimowicz's votes, well more than his margin of victory.

Elections in the 30th District, which covers parts of Berlin and Southington, frequently drew heavy participation by organized labor during Aresimowicz's terms.

Numerous construction and trades unions along with the state AFL-CIO and the state chapter of the Communications Workers of America typically endorsed Aresimowicz.

But union support and the Working Families' endorsement weren't enough for JoAnn Angelico-Stetson, who ran on the Democratic line after Aresimowicz left.

Veach defeated her and Republicans are looking to her to repeat this November.

Veach continues to serve on Berlin's town council, and in the General Assembly she is a member of the judiciary, education, and planning and development committees.

She is the development director for the New Britain Youth Museum and a former president of the Greater New Britain Arts Alliance.

Her campaign website focuses heavily on reducing taxes and regulation for Connecticut businesses and restricting early release for prisoners.

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Board chair Norm Ferron said in a previous interview he was worried health center staff might talk to kids about “controversial topics.”

Parental rights have been a topic of growing support on the right. Parental rights support groups in schools across the country have pushed back against mental health programs such as social emotional learning, claiming they're a Trojan horse for critical race theory.

Those against the health center in Killingly have repeatedly brought up complaints and phrases more commonly referenced by the right such as gender identity, cancel culture and abortion.

“The board's actions and inactions were such gross negligence that it's downright dangerous,” said Christine Rosati Randall, one of the complainants and an advocate for the health center. “We really shouldn't be waiting any

longer to intervene.”

Ferron said he had received the state's document and planned to attend the hearing to answer questions, although the exact date has not been set.

“Beyond that I have no comment,” Ferron wrote in an emailed response to a CT Mirror request for comment.

Angeli said he thinks the district submitted documents that show the schools made “considerable effort to provide for the social-emotional needs of our students.” He added that the state's letter doesn't refute this but asks for clarification, and the district will work to address the questions.

“I recommended implementing a School-Based Health Center at Killingly High School to the Killingly Board of Education, earning the support of 3 members, as an additional means to assist our students in accessing behavioral health counseling not because we did not have supports already available,” Angeli wrote in an email to the CT Mirror.

The board's 6-3 vote rejecting the health center predicated the resignation of its former chair and the April complaint.

The state Department of Education doesn't often investigate complaints of this type. After the investigation concludes, Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker will make a recommendation to the state Board of Education, either saying she doesn't think there's enough evidence to prove the allegation or recommending a remediation plan for the district to fix the problem, said Mike McKeon, Department of Education legal director, in a previous interview.

The state board will make the final decision about what needs to be done.

The department's follow-up meeting will be with current Killingly Board chair Ferron, Democrat board member Susan Lannon and Superintendent Robert Angeli. Ferron or Angeli may suggest other school administrators who could attend and provide relevant information, according to the letter.

The state offered four dates in late August as possibilities for the meeting.

Questions about ESSER

The state listed a couple of overarching topics staff wants to ask about in the August meeting.

The first is the Killingly Board's applications for federal grants under ESSER II — the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II Fund — as well as the American Rescue Plan ESSER. The school was awarded more than \$3 million in American Rescue Plan ESSER alone, the letter says.

Congress initially established the ESSER funds in 2020 to help schools recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds have been released in a few tranches.

In its ESSER II application, the board said that a part of its strategy for addressing social emotional learning would be “the addition of a School-Based Health Center [that] will allow students to be provided social and emotional support and also through continued emphasis on

mental health safety.”

The application also includes a mention of a school-based health center in its needs assessment, the letter says.

The board also referenced the center in its American Rescue Plan ESSER application, the letter says.

“Given subsequent events, the CSDE [Connecticut State Department of Education] is interested in understanding the sequence of events and the reasoning behind the Killingly Board having apparently declined to establish an SBHC after having originally represented in support of both its ESSER II and ARP ESSER grant applications that it intended to expend at least some of these funds on an SBHC,” the letter says.

The board did mention ESSER I spending to establish behavior analyst positions and social emotional learning specialist spots at the elementary school in a May 3 response to the state.

The state also asked Killingly to discuss alternatives to the school-based health center.

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INLAND WETLANDS AND
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
NOTICE OF DECISION

At its regular meeting on August 3, 2022 the Cromwell Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency met and took the following actions:
1. Voted to approve Application #22-04: Request to conduct activities within the Upland Review Area to allow for the grading of the site to construct a 4,992 square foot building at 263 Main Street. Cromwell Automotive LLC is the Applicant and the Owner.
John Whitney
Chairman, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this 4th day of August 2022.
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ESTATE OF Dale Yopp, AKA Dale C. Yopp (22-00609)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated August 8, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Robert J. Sweeney (22-00673)

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ESTATE OF Ronald L. Cox, Sr., AKA Ronald L. Cox (22-00667)

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LEGAL NOTICE
SEPTEMBER MEETING
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM,
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Notice is hereby given to all owners of motor vehicles registered in the town of East Haddam. The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold hearings on Saturday, September 10th, 2022 beginning at 9am. The hearings will be held at the Municipal Office Complex located at 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Meeting Room #3. Applicants will be heard on a first come first serve basis for the purpose of appeals related to the assessments of motor vehicles. Appeals for Real Estate and Personal Property will be heard in March.

All persons claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the Department of Motor Vehicles and Assessor of the Town of East Haddam relating to motor vehicle assessments, on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, are hereby given notice to make their appeal to the Board at this meeting. The Board uses the NADA guides for the purposes of determining values. Applicants must bring vehicle to hearing along with completed application and supporting documentation to justify applicants requested value. If you no longer own the vehicle, documentation of sale or disposal, proof of mileage and condition must be presented. Applications for Appeal are available at the Assessor's office or online at EastHaddam.org. Please complete one application for each vehicle you are appealing and bring to the hearing.

For your safety and the safety of the Board Members, please come prepared to wear a mask or face covering should that be the case. Thank you.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2022.

Edward C. Blaschik
Justin L. Kennedy
Deborah A. Langdon
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
8/11/22 7264485

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ESTATE OF Harriet P. Shea (22-00662)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 33-887 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that BRISTOL AUTO PARTS, INC., a Connecticut business corporation having a place of business in the City of Bristol, County of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, has voted to dissolve itself pursuant to a Plan of Liquidation adopted by the sole director and the shareholders effective July 31, 2022. Certificate of Dissolution has been filed with the Secretary of the State as required by law on August 3, 2022. Unknown creditors, if any, of said corporation are warned to present written claims to Attorney Wyland Dale Clift, P.O. Box 1, Plantsville, CT 06479 and to commence proceedings to enforce said claim on or before three (3) years from the date of publication of this notice, or otherwise said claims will be forever barred as provided by Section 33-887 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Written notice of the claim shall include the amount of the claim and a brief description upon which the claim is based. Dated at Plantsville, Connecticut, this 8th day of August, 2022. BRISTOL AUTO PARTS, INC. by: Wyland Dale Clift, Esq, Its Attorney.
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US able to weather prosecutions of former leaders

By Bobby Ghosh
Bloomberg Opinion

If Monday’s FBI search at Donald Trump’s Florida home leads to the prosecution of the former president, as supporters fear and detractors hope, then citizens of democracies everywhere might ask Americans, “What kept you?”

The U.S. has been a laggard in holding former leaders accountable to the law. From Brazil, France and South Africa to Israel, the Philippines and South Korea, many of the world’s major democracies have tried — and frequently, convicted — former presidents and prime ministers, mostly for crimes committed, covered up or both when they were in power.

The list of those brought to justice includes Jacques Chirac and Nicolas Sarkozy of France, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Dilma Rousseff and Michel Temer of Brazil, South Africa’s Jacob Zuma, South Korea’s Park Geun-Hye and Silvio Berlusconi of Italy.

The closest a U.S. president came to joining the list was over Watergate, but President Richard Nixon was pardoned by his successor, Gerald Ford, before he

faced a day in court. Ford’s explanation, that Americans “would needlessly be diverted from meeting [our] challenges if we as a people were to remain sharply divided” over prosecuting Nixon, has been invoked by those seeking to draw a curtain of charity across misdeeds by subsequent occupants of the White House, notably Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Trump.

Americans as a whole are leery of prosecuting former presidents. In a recent PBS NewsHour/NPR/Marist poll, barely half of all respondents said Trump should face criminal charges — and only 28% felt he would — for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The arguments for treating leaders differently from ordinary citizens turn on questions of perception and propriety. The prosecution of a former president, especially if it takes place during the term of a successor from the other side of the aisle, is not only an unseemly prospect, it will inevitably be seen by the ex-leader’s supporters as politically motivated. The narrative in MAGA-land is that President Joe Biden is persecuting their man to prevent him from running in 2024.

Then there’s the specter of retaliation.

This would unquestionably bring down the tenor of national politics, damaging public trust in the highest office in the land — and by extension, in all offices. In other words, democracy itself would be diminished.

And finally, there is the alarmist argument, which is getting the full klaxon treatment from Trump’s supporters: pursuing a former president risks setting off a civil war. Right-wing social media accounts are already resonating with calls for a violent response.

Against all this is the case for prosecution: Putting a former president in the dock is a signal that nobody is above the nation’s laws. And rather than enfeebling democracy, the high-profile demonstration of accountability strengthens its sinews.

The evidence from international experience is for the most part reassuring. We can argue whether the legal action against former leaders has had a cautionary effect on subsequent officeholders — three South Korean presidents have been convicted since that country achieved full democracy in 1987 — but the dire scenarios painted in America haven’t come to pass in other countries.

In none of the democracies I mentioned

has the political culture devolved into retaliatory prosecutions. The public perception of democratic institutions varies by country and circumstance, but it would be hard to draw a straight line from the conviction of former leaders to a general disenchantment with politics. After all, there is no dearth of disenchantment in countries where leaders haven’t been brought to court. And none of the countries I cited has waged a civil war.

There is one important caveat. In practically every case of a former leader of a democracy being brought to justice, the charges have centered on corruption. They may have brought themselves and their offices into disrepute, but none of them has been accused of trying to bring down the democratic system by encouraging an insurrection.

But if such charges are brought against Trump, it would strengthen the argument for the U.S. to follow the example of those other democracies.

This is one area where America should not be exceptional.

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DOJ needs to clarify its intentions



Jonah Goldberg

On Monday evening news broke that the FBI searched the Florida home of Donald Trump, the former president. In fact, Trump himself informed the world, calling it a “raid” and an “assault.”

While both words are colloquially defensible, it wasn’t some Eliot Ness-style breach with a battering ram or sledgehammer. The FBI called the Secret Service in advance and was let in. But that wasn’t the image Trump and his echo chamber wanted people to have in mind. His statement begins, “These are dark times for our Nation, as my beautiful home, Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents.”

According to various accounts, including from his son Eric, the warrant was to find classified materials the former president took with him, allegedly in violation of the Presidential Records Act. The National Archives had been in negotiations with Trump’s lawyers for a long time in an effort to retrieve documents they say Trump improperly took.

Rather than proceed with those negotiations, the FBI obtained a warrant from a judge.

I’d say “these are the facts,” but initial reports are often wrong, so it’s probably safer to just say all of this is undisputed. Notably, nobody publicly commenting on the raid even knows the contents of the search warrant — except Trump, and he’s not talking about that. The Department of Justice, as a matter of policy, is not commenting on the case.

Legal experts on both sides of the political divide insist that such warrants in normal cases require a high degree of evidence and proof of probable cause that a crime has been committed. This, of course, is not a normal case. Trump is correct when he says, “Nothing like this has ever happened to a President of the United States before.” It is reasonable to assume that the Department of Justice, including Attorney General Merrick Garland, considered and examined their warrant application with great care given the political stakes.

For some political commentators and politicians hostile to Trump, this supposition is proof that the department must have a very good reason to seek a search warrant. If all the FBI — which is currently led by a Trump appointee — is looking for



An officer rides past the gates of former President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate on Tuesday in Palm Beach, Florida. **GIORGIO VIERA/GETTY-AFP**

are some letters and other mementos, it would be crazy to do something so politically incendiary.

For other political commentators and politicians supportive of Trump, the extraordinary nature of the raid is proof that the Biden administration or the Department of Justice is persecuting Donald Trump as part of a political “witch hunt.”

“I’ve seen enough. The Department of Justice has reached an intolerable state of weaponized politicization,” House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California said. “When Republicans take back the House, we will conduct immediate oversight of this department, follow the facts and leave no stone unturned.”

Such statements are a bit hard to take from McCarthy, who once boasted that Republican investigation into Hillary Clinton’s role in the Benghazi terrorist attack was justified because it hurt her poll numbers.

Still, Garland had to know that he would be inviting exactly this kind of firestorm with partisans on both sides rushing to

confirm their biases.

This battle of confirmation biases amounts to a fascinating political Rorschach test. The GOP House Judiciary Committee tweeted, “If they can do it to a former President, imagine what they can do to you.” But that’s the point, others argue. “They” can do the same thing to you. The FBI lawfully searches homes every day. If former presidents aren’t above the law, then there shouldn’t be a higher or different standard for them.

Rather than prove that America is behaving like a “corrupt” “third world country,” as Trump and his defenders claim, the FBI’s defenders argue that holding a former president accountable to the law just like everyone else proves we’re the opposite of a banana republic.

I think they are right in theory, but wrong in practice. The very argument that Garland must have taken extra-special care before proceeding demonstrates that we do, in fact, have different standards for former presidents. We have even stricter standards for sitting presidents, which is why the DOJ has a rule that a president

cannot be indicted while in office.

Under normal circumstances, it’s a good standard that the Department of Justice does not comment on ongoing investigations. But this is an extraordinary situation that requires extraordinary measures. The FBI search is now a very public fact, and its significance is not lost on anyone. Its meaning, however, in the absence of authoritative explanation, is open to manipulation and exploitation, both by partisan defenders of Trump eager to delegitimize an investigation and by critics determined to raise expectations unsupported by the evidence.

The DOJ should release the warrant. If Garland refuses, President Joe Biden should overrule him, to calm the political waters for the good of the country.

Of course, Trump can release the warrant for the good of the country, too. But he’s already fundraising off the “witch hunt.” Interpret that Rorschach blot however you like.

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Biden’s recent political wins should have GOP concerned



Carl P. Leubsdorf

Bob Strauss, the venerable Dallas lawyer-lobbyist and longtime Democratic Party leader, used to say that, in politics, things are never as good as they seem or as bad as they seem.

That’s a good thing to remember as falling gas prices, passage of some major legislation and the dramatic raid that killed al-Qaida’s leader have inspired a spate of stories about President Joe Biden’s comeback from near political oblivion — and the potential impact on Democratic chances this November.

After all, it is less than 90 days until Americans fill all 435 House seats, 35 Senate slots and 36 state governorships. A lot can still go wrong. And Biden’s job approval levels remain sufficiently low that they are still a distinct negative for his party.

Still, it is clear events of recent weeks have energized Democratic voters, making their leaders more optimistic — and the Republicans more concerned — than just weeks ago.

For almost a year, the storyline surrounding Biden has been one of failure

to manage events. It stemmed from his botched withdrawal from Afghanistan, his inability to anticipate and curb soaring inflation, and the much-publicized divisions that prevented his Democratic congressional allies from passing key parts of his economic agenda.

That combination dropped Biden’s job approval below 40% and spawned stories that many Democrats hope the 79-year-old president doesn’t run again in 2024. In the shorter term, it created the widespread expectation within both parties that Democrats were headed for a midterm electoral disaster that would cost them control of the House — and probably the Senate.

But in recent weeks, gas prices have dropped steadily, and lawmakers finally passed three key bipartisan measures — a modest gun safety bill, increased support for the domestic semiconductor industry and significant new health benefits for veterans.

Most importantly, perhaps, Senate Democrats resolved internal divisions and passed a slimmed-down version of Biden’s economic agenda. Its final passage will enable Democratic candidates to stress the positive things they achieved for voters.

Meanwhile, despite persistent recession fears — and a modest drop in total economic output during the first half of 2022 — the job market continues to expand. Unemployment is now lower than before the COVID-19 pandemic struck in early 2020.

The Democrats have also gotten help in at least two ways from their political enemies.

In several key states, Republicans heeded former President Donald Trump’s siren song and nominated conservative neophytes for Senate seats and governorships. That has increased the likelihood that Democrats can keep the Senate and several key Midwest and swing-state governorships.

Second, the unexpectedly sweeping Supreme Court decision that overturned its 1973 ruling legalizing abortions has prompted a backlash among abortion-rights advocates that is generating the previously lacking Democratic voter enthusiasm.

Recent polls show increased enthusiasm for voting this November among Democratic voters, especially younger ones. Pollsters attribute the change to their opposition to the court’s abortion decision and vows by many Republicans to follow up by banning virtually all abortions, as

Indiana did last weekend.

Ironically, Biden’s improvement came while he was quarantined in the White House after testing positive for COVID-19, an echo of the fact that he won the presidency in 2020 while self-isolating in his Wilmington, Delaware, basement.

Still, there has only been a modest uptick in his weak job approval level. Further improvement is needed before he is no longer a potential drag on his party’s chances.

Analysts traditionally say that, if the president’s job approval is under 50% at the time of a midterm election, his party is in danger of losing the House. When Democrats lost the House in 2010, President Barack Obama’s job approval was 45%; when the GOP lost control in 2018, Trump’s stood at 40%.

Midterm elections are traditionally a referendum on the incumbent president and his administration. Democrats hope their recent successes — and the looming presence of Trump — will let them make it a choice between the two parties and thus help avoid the electoral disaster they once feared.

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OBITUARIES

Boulanger, Sherwood F.



Sherwood "Woody" F. Boulanger, 97, of the Plantsville section of Southington, passed away peacefully on Tuesday August 9, 2022, at Apple Valley Rehab in Plainville. He had been the loving husband of the late Denise M. (Delaney) Boulanger for 60 years. Sherwood was born in Wolcott on June 27, 1925 to the late Elby and Catherine (Currie) Boulanger and graduated from Leavenworth High School in Waterbury. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Philippines under General Douglas MacArthur. Sherwood worked as a toolmaker at Northeast Utilities, retiring after 37 years of service. He was a founding member of St. Aloysius Church in Plantsville. He enjoyed gardening and spending winters in Venice, FL with his wife Denise for over 20 years. Sherwood was a devoted husband and a proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather who cherished his grandchildren. He is survived by three children, Gregory Boulanger and wife Elizabeth, Sharon Leone and husband Robert and Christine Cyganik, 6 grandchildren; Jason Boulanger (Ellen Song), Sarah Williams (Jerome), Katherine Tron (Jesse), Melissa Cyganik, Brian Cyganik and Danna Hernandez (Joshua); 8 great-grandchildren, Logan, Hailey, Reece, Mila, Landon, Riley, Ariana and Armani and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife Denise, Sherwood was predeceased by his son-in-law, Richard Cyganik, 2 brothers, Philip and Gregory Boulanger and one sister, Thelma Malone. Sherwood's family would like to thank Dr. Craig Bogdanksi for the exemplary care he provided to him over the last 20 years and also extend a thank you to the entire staff at Apple Rehab for their compassion and excellent care. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sherwood's memory may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 (<https://t2t.org/>). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at St. Aloysius Church, 254 Burrutt St, Plantsville. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held before the Mass from 9 - 10 a.m. at the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Foster, Gail



Avid traveler, sun lover and Torrington native Gail Foster, 63, passed away suddenly Aug. 5 at UConn John Dempsey Hospital. Born July 22, 1959, she was the daughter of Chester and Elsie (Boratko) Suhovski, both deceased.

An honors graduate of Oliver Wolcott Technical High School in Torrington in 1977, Gail graduated with a B.S. degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1982. Between 1983 and her retirement in 2019 she worked as a pharmacist for Veterans Affairs medical centers in Los Angeles, Denver, Philadelphia and Newington.

Gail married OWTS classmate Carl Foster in 1984. In addition to her husband, she leaves a son, Jordan; a daughter, Chelsea; and several cousins.

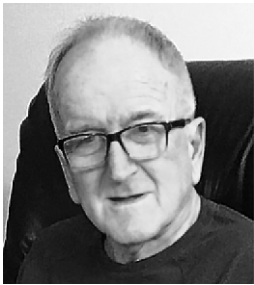
Gail enjoyed traveling and attended Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Atlanta and London. She also vacationed in Italy, Hawaii and the Caribbean. A sun lover, she divided her time between homes in Avon and Jupiter, Fla.

Gail's life will be remembered and celebrated between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday (Aug. 13) at Phalen Funeral Home (www.phalenfuneral.com) in Torrington. A brief service will begin at 11:30 a.m. where friends will be encouraged to share their memories. Masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gail's memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (www.msfocus.org).

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Munson , Wayne F.



We are sad to announce that we lost our kind, gentle, Wayne on June 14, 2022 at his home in East Hartford. Wayne was born February 1, 1940, in Maine and spent most of his adulthood in CT. He was predeceased by his mother and stepfather, Marion and Frank Crockett, his father, Lawrence Munson and his longtime love, Virginia McVeigh. He is survived by his sisters, Pat Hall (Alvin), Mary Gardner and Elaine Clarey, all of ME, and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves to mourn his passing his CT family, Kathy Johnson, Bill (Mary) McVeigh, and Karen and Stan Gamarsh. He will be interred in ME with his beloved mother.

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Woodcock, Thomas



Thomas Woodcock (Aka Woody), Passed away Aug 8th 2022. Tom was medical trainer for St Louis Blues, Hartford Whalers and San Jose Sharks. For further information Contact Brooklawn Funeral Home or Website www.Brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Elston, Roslyn (Millstein)

Roslyn Millstein Elston, of Dayville, formerly of West Hartford, passed away peacefully at her home on Alexander's Lake. She had a zest for life, with passionate love for her family, friends, and community. She and her beloved husband Leon were founders of Congregation B'nai Sholom in Newington. She is survived by a daughter, Sari M. Elston-Trzepacz; son-in-law Merrill Katz, and grandchildren Jamie (Barnaby) and Mark (Renee), as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her husband, Leon; her daughter, Jody Katz; son-in-law Paul Trzepacz; brother, Jack Millstein; and sister, Miriam Wolf. A graveside service will be held on Friday, August 12 at 11 a.m. at the Congregation B'nai Sholom Cemetery (Jordan Lane Extension, Wethersfield). Weinstein Mortuary in Hartford is responsible for interment. Memorial contributions in Roslyn's memory may be made to B'nai Tikvah-Sholom (180 Still Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002) or to Day Kimball Hospice Care (320 Pomfret St, Putnam, CT 06260).

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Gill Sr., Walter F.



Walter F. Gill Sr. of Enfield CT, loving husband to the late Barbara T. Gill, died peacefully on Monday, August 8, 2022 at Evergreen Healthcare Center with his family by his side. He was born on July 31,1930, in Boston MA, the son of the late Harold and Norine Gill. Walter attended Dorchester High School where he became interested in football and boxing. After graduating High School, Walter was drafted in the U.S. Army. He trained state side for several months, at several different bases in the U.S., before being sent to Korea to fight in the Korean War. After an honorable discharge from the army, Walter returned home to Boston. Walter and Barbara were married on November 28, 1953 and resided in Dorchester MA. While working full time to support his family, he attended Northeastern University in Boston during the evenings. After receiving a promotion at work, he moved his family to Manchester, NH in 1960. In 1965 they moved again to Enfield, CT. Walter worked for McGraw Hill Publishing for over 40 years until his retirement in 1992. Walter's favorite thing to do was to sing. Music and singing were his biggest passions in life. He and Barbara had met while singing on a local radio show in Boston. He belonged to many Barbershop quartets, winning many awards, and accolades. He directed the choir at Holy Family Church for over 20 years and sang at many weddings and funerals. His voice was a gift from God and many of his children and grandchildren inherited this same gift. Walter is survived by his eight children, Kevin F. Gill of Enfield CT, Maureen G. Ahearn and husband Michael of Enfield CT, Daniel T. Gill of Enfield CT., Michael J. Gill and his wife Linda from Feeding Hills, MA., Christopher J. Gill and his wife Sharon of Enfield CT., Walter F. Gill Jr. and wife Paula of Somers CT., Kenneth P. Gill and his wife Lisa of Enfield CT., Patrick D. Gill, and his wife Jill from East Granby CT. He also leaves his grandchildren whom he loved so much: Christopher Gill of Enfield CT, Meghan Ahearn of Londonderry NH, Kristin DePray and her husband Brian of Suffield CT, Joseph Gill of Feeding Hills MA., Timothy Gill of West Springfield MA., Sean Gill of Enfield CT., Sarah Gill of Somers CT., Ryan Gill and his wife Kialeigh of Avon CT, Jameson Gill and Brady Gill of East Granby CT. He recently became a great grandfather to Walter Ryan Gill of Avon CT. In addition to his parents, Walter was predeceased by his brother Harold and sisters Norma and Elizabeth. The family wishes to thank the staff of Evergreen Healthcare Center in Stafford Springs, CT for their expert and loving care of Walter. Walter's family will receive friends on Monday August 15, 2022 at Leete-Stevens Funeral Home, 61 South Rd, Enfield CT from 4pm to 7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 11 am at St Jeanne Jugan/Holy Family Church, 23 Simon Rd. Enfield, CT 06082. The family requests that everyone meet at the church. Interment with full military honors will follow at St Patrick's King St. Cemetery, Enfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Residence, 1365 Enfield St, Enfield, CT 06082-4925 For online condolences, please visit www.leetesteevens.com

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Morris, Ann M. (Weber)



Ann Marguerite (Weber) Morris, 88, of Wethersfield, beloved wife for 64 years of William Churchill Morris, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 8, 2022. Born in Hartford on July 13, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Herman and Mary (Crowley) Weber. Ann was a graduate of the Hartt School of Music. She was the organist at St. Luke Church in Hartford and Sacred Heart Church in Wethersfield for many years. Ann was a member and past President of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild and was also a member of the Wethersfield Fire Department Women's Auxiliary and the Wethersfield Garden Club. She greatly enjoyed her flower gardens, was an excellent sewer, and especially loved hosting Sunday dinners with the family, grandchildren and grand-dogs. In addition to her devoted husband William, Ann will be forever missed by her six children, William J. Morris of Suffield, John Morris and wife Laura of Wethersfield, Timothy Morris and wife Ellen of Kensington, Christopher Morris and wife Maria of Bethel, Daniel Morris and wife Mandee of Glastonbury and MaryEllen Courtemanche and husband Steve of Newington and her 13 adored grandchildren, Racheal, Ethan, Sydney, Hannah, Patrick, Bryan, Katherine, Jonah, Danielle, Michael, Garrett, Wyatt and Clayton. Ann was predeceased by her brother, Frederick Weber and her sister, Betty Colello.

Calling hours will be Saturday, August 13 from 9-10:15 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Annunciation Parish (St. Mary's Church), 626 Willard Avenue, Newington. Burial will be in Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. Donations in Ann's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108. To share a memory of Ann with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Nichols, Harry E.



Harry Earl Nichols, 92 of Manchester, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at his home with his daughter Virginia and son-in-law Philip by his bedside on August 6, 2022. He was born to John Nichols and Cecile Berwick Nichols of Milford, New Hampshire on April 5,1930. His youth brought him to many places and many different schools, but upon graduation from Hartford High School, Class of 1949, he went into the Navy for four years and was honorably discharged on August 12,1954.

In 1955, after his time in the Navy, he started working for Pratt & Whitney. His career at Pratt & Whitney started with him driving trucks and then working his way up to General Foreman of Shipping and Receiving, the position he retired from on March 23,1993 after 38 years. Harry was a member of many clubs such as Army Navy, American Legion, Manchester Fish and Game and the Elks Club, where he was known for and enjoyed cooking for large gatherings.

In his free time, Harry was an avid camper and fisherman, who brought his family all the way up to Nova Scotia and down to South Carolina in the family's DeCamp and enjoyed many fishing trips with family and friends.

Harry is survived by his three children, Cindy Allaire of Florida, Virginia Byram of Connecticut, and Harry Nichols Jr. of Florida; his seven beloved grandchildren, Nicole Corcoran, Kristin Lalancette, Jacquelyn Byram, Richard Allaire Jr., Danielle Allaire, Philip Byram Jr. and Matthew Nichols; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters Doris Lesniewski of Connecticut and Mae Arney of California; and many extended family and friends. He was also preceded in death by many brothers, sisters, and cousins, all which he loved dearly.

If you knew Harry, then you knew some of his favorite things were his love of frogs, a good scotch, and the love he had for his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Whether you called him Harry, Dad, Papa, Grandpa or Grandpa Frog, he will always be remembered and never forgotten.

Graveside services with military honors will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 11am at Mountain View Cemetery, 30 Mountain Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Donations can be made to The Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute at Saint Francis Hospital in lieu of flowers. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Paradiso, F. Joseph



F. Joseph Paradiso, 87, of Stafford Springs, CT, husband of the late Donna (Pitkat) Paradiso, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, August 8, 2022. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT, son of the late Joseph and Rachele (Puzzutiollo) Paradiso. After Joe graduated from Cheshire Academy, he went on to attend College of Holy Cross followed by Georgetown Law School. Joe served our country in the United States Army. After his discharge from the United States Army, he started his career in law as a state prosecutor at Rockville Superior Court for 37 years. He also worked along-side Ed Muska at Paradiso and Muska Attorneys at Law. Joe was a parishioner of St. Edward Church, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1395. He was also a member of the Italian Benefit Society, Stafford Fish and Game Club, and former member of the Stafford Rotary Club as well as serving on the Board of Education for Stafford Public Schools. He was a lifelong advocate for people with disabilities and a co-founder of Journey Found, an organization whose mission is to provide behavioral, residential, and other support services to people with disabilities. He enjoyed his days of playing cards at the Arizona, attending sporting events for his grandchildren, but was happiest spending time in Watch Hill, RI with family and friends. Joe was a true gentleman, mentor and a friend to all, and his presence will be deeply missed. Joe is survived by his three children, Joseph J. Paradiso and his wife Yuki of Stafford, CT, Christopher M. Paradiso and his wife Mary Alice of Stafford, CT, and Rachel M. Paradiso of Manchester, CT; grandchildren, Gianni and Mia Paradiso; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Toni Zahner, Bege Grace, Mary Paquin, and Josephine Oliveri. The family would like to extend special thanks to Joyce Houlihan for her dedication and friendship throughout the years, and to Laurie Fuschino, Holly O'Connor, and Lisa Alexander from Hartford HealthCare at Home Hospice Care. His funeral will be held on Monday, August 15, 2022, with a procession forming by 10 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 A.M. at St. Edward Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Calling hours are on Sunday, August 14, 2022, from 2-5 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Journey Found, Paradiso Family Fund, 10 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06106, Attn: Susanne. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



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OBITUARIES

Putnam, Lee S



Lee S. Putnam, 96, of Wethersfield passed away peacefully on August 8, 2022 at the home of his daughter, Sheila, under the loving and attentive care of his family members, Masonicare, and numerous awesome nurses. Lee was the son of Samuel J. Putnam and Helen (Stearns) Putnam. He was a devoted husband of 39 years to Rita (Morrison) Putnam; who passed away in 1992. Lee was predeceased by all three of his siblings, June Hogle, Joan Tupper and Donald S. Putnam. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Kathleen Sturgess in 2006. He is survived by his three remaining children, Samuel Putnam, Philip Putnam (Tricia) and Sheila Strong (Rich). Lee was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and one on the way. Born on May 10, 1926 in Wethersfield where he resided throughout his life. Lee left high school early to the join the US Army Air Corp and trained as a B17 gunner - after being honorably discharged from the service Lee graduated from Wethersfield High School - class of 1946. After a short trip to college, Lee began his career at the family's insurance business: S. J. Putnam Co., in Wethersfield; eventually obtaining the position of Owner. Lee sold the business and retired at the ripe old age of 38 advising his children and friends he always planned on finding another job - they are still waiting! Lee excelled at the job of retirement for the past 58 years as a father who seemed to always be home before his kids could get any school progress reports out of the mail. (Only refers to Sam and Phil). Another of his endeavors was having served as a past Chairman of the Connecticut/Massachusetts chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He was an avid golfer and past member at Wethersfield Country Club, his home course, where he logged one of his two hole in ones. Lee also served as the 1960 Co-Chairman of the Insurance City Open; an original "Red Coat"; (currently the Travelers Championship) and had the privilege of presenting Arnold Palmer with the winner's check and championship trophy on the 18th green at Wethersfield. Lee competed in the 1960 ICO ProAm and later played in three Sammy Davis Jr. GHO ProAms at Wethersfield. He traveled internationally, playing in many private Invitationals in Bermuda, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Australia, and Germany. Dad did like his golf! Lee was a 50+ year member of the Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club and past member of the Baldwin Bridge Yacht club. Lee was also an avid offshore fishermen and participated in numerous shark, tuna, and marlin tournaments over the years. Boating his largest lifetime catch, a 475 lb. swordfish aboard the Onrust, his 35' Chris Craft, off Montauk. Lee provided his family with many sweet and wonderful lifetime memories of weekends spent on the Onrust at Block Island, Montauk, Mystic Seaport, Coceoles Harbor, Greenport, Watch Hill, etc., along with many wonderful summers at the family cottage at Giants Neck Beach. Per his request, there will be no calling hours and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Masonicare Charity Foundation of CT., or American Cancer Society, RFL of ECCT-Still Going Strong, P.O. Box 280285, East Hartford CT. 06108. in his honor.

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Wellins, Christine M.



Christine Mary Wellins, 74, passed away Monday, August 8, 2022 at Mid-State Medical Center in Meriden surrounded by her loving husband, son and daughter. She was the wife of Neal B. Wellins. Chris was born April 24, 1948, in New Britain, CT, daughter of the late John ("Jack") E. and Eileen (Flynn) O'Keefe. Chris graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in 1966 and Duquesne University in 1970 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in teaching, and from Southern Connecticut State University in 1977 with a Master's Degree in education. Chris was a teacher for 30 years in New Haven, primarily at East Rock Magnet School, where she met her husband, Neal. Chris lived in Cheshire for 39 years with her husband and devoted her life to her family. She enjoyed traveling with her family, and caring for her grandchildren. She also enjoyed having lunch and playing cards with her many close friends. In addition to her husband, Chris leaves behind her son, Matthew (Tricia) Wellins of Branford, her daughter, Eileen (Brian) Barnes of Plainville, her sisters, Katherine (Donald) DiFrancesca of Groton Long Point and E. Flynn O'Keefe (J.B. Norris) of Voluntown, and her brother, Sean (Linda) O'Keefe of Newington. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Jack and Haley Wellins and Emily Barnes. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Chris was predeceased by brother-in-law James Godbout and sister-in-law, Edwina Glassman. Arrangements: Family and friends are invited to pay their respects on Monday, August 15, 2022 from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. at the Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire, 615 South Main Street. Following visitation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. at St. Thomas Becket Church, 435 North Brooksville Road, Cheshire. Burial will follow in St. Bridget Cemetery. Memorial contributions, in Chris' name, may be made to New Haven Schools Foundation at <https://nhsfoundation.org>. For online condolences, to share a photo or a story, please visit www.fordfh.com.

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Wilder, Tracy Philip

Tracy Philip Wilder, age 66, of Somers, CT passed away on August 8th, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT. He was born on January 17th, 1956, and lived most of his life in the Enfield/Somers, CT area. Tracy is predeceased by his Father Philip W Wilder and Mother Barbara J Wilder and is survived by his son Sean P Wilder of Enfield, CT. He will be laid to rest alongside his mother in a private ceremony at Oak Grove Cemetery in Springfield, MA.

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Savino, Christine Lewie



Christine (Lewie) Savino, 71, of Manchester, beloved wife of Francis Savino for over 50 years, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, August 8th, 2022. Christine, lovingly known to family and friends as "Peppy," a nickname given to her by her father when she was a little girl, was born in Manchester on December 25, 1950, to the late Elizabeth (Petraitis) Lewie and Clarence Lewie.

Christine was raised in Manchester and attended Manchester public schools, graduating from Manchester High School in 1968. Christine worked in the insurance industry for many years up until her retirement. She enjoyed many hobbies, such as reading, baking, cake decorating, painting, and crafts of any kind. She and her husband also enjoyed traveling to Aruba together on an almost yearly basis.

In addition to her parents, Christine is predeceased by her sister Janice Ventura of Bolton. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sister, Dolores Deptula, three brothers, Donald Lewie, David Lewie (Mary), and Frederick Lewie (Carol); and two sisters-in-law Jo-Ann Lerner (Earle) and Denise Savino. Christine was also an Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours, for the family, will be on Wednesday, August 17th from 9:00AM to 10:30AM at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM at Saint James Church of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 896 Main Street, Manchester. Burial will immediately follow at East Cemetery in Manchester.

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Veronesi, Maureen



Maureen Veronesi, 84, of the Forestville section of Bristol, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022. She was the loving wife of the late Anthony Veronesi. Maureen was born on October 13, 1937 in West Hartford, CT daughter to the late Thomas and Helen (Shantry) Laing. She was an avid gardener who loved to spend time outside and also enjoyed cooking. Maureen was a talented artist, creating many beautiful paintings that were displayed throughout her house and shared with others. She was an active communicant of the Church of Saint Matthew in Forestville for many years. Above all, Maureen was a hard-working, devoted and loving mother and cherished the time she spent surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by her children, Thomas Veronesi, of Bristol, Michael Veronesi, of Bristol, and Richard Veronesi and his significant other, Sara Ryan, of Bristol. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Anthony and Sofia Veronesi, also of Bristol. Maureen's family will celebrate her life with private services. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Maureen can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489 or by going to www.alz.org/ct. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their appreciation to the Veronesi family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.

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Patriots vs. Giants: Still just preseason opener

By **Jim McBride**
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It's football season. Well, sort of.

The Giants come to Foxborough Thursday night for their annual preseason matchup with the Patriots — 17 straight non-COVID years and counting — and though everything will look shiny and new, don't expect a lot of bells and whistles from either sideline.

The initial exhibition game is more an extension of practice than anything else. It's always good to compete against fresh faces, but the focus is on getting better far

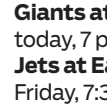

more than it is on getting a W.

"There is no game-planning in the preseason," Bill Belichick said this week. "Zero. I mean close to zero. Not zero, but close to zero."

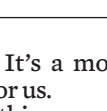

Things will crank up more over the next two weeks during joint practices with the Panthers (in Foxborough) and Raiders (in Las Vegas) than they will in any of the three preseason games.

"The preseason games, I know for [the media], you have to write about it. It sets a bar and all that, but for us, it's another opportunity to get better," said 13-year veteran Devin McCourty Tuesday. "They don't count yet. So it's a better

Up next



Giants at Patriots,
today, 7 p.m., NBC



Jets at Eagles,
Friday, 7:30 p.m., CBS

practice. It's a more evaluated practice for us.

"So the things you didn't do well in the first week or two, you want to improve those Thursday night. You want to do them better against somebody else. You want to show that you can communicate.

"I think the fundamental things that we've been working on, we want to go out there and do those things

well. And I think for each individual here, the things that show up on film, you want to make it better."

McCourty did say the game atmosphere elevates things to a degree and that he stresses to the younger Patriots that mistakes will be made but the key is not to repeat them.

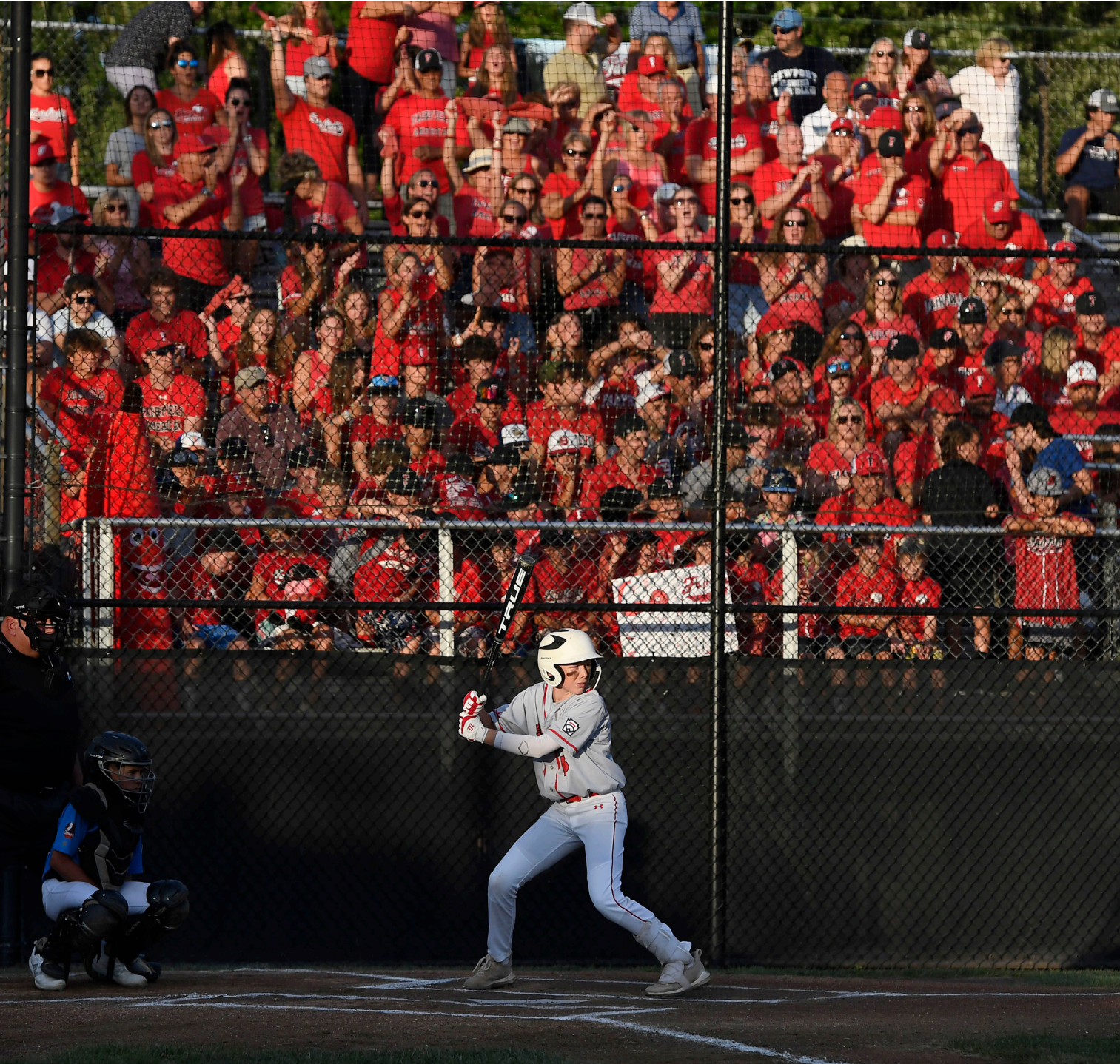
"You go up a notch," the perennial captain said. "How can you still stick to the communication aspect, the execution aspect? How can you stay focused on those things? So I think those are the things that we'll try to stay calm, keep our energy directed and focused."

Here are some things to watch for as former longtime Patriots

assistant Brian Daboll debuts an NFL head coach with the Giants. For the record, Daboll told reporters he plans to play his healthy guys.

Will Mac Jones play?: The guess here is that the second-year quarterback will take some snaps to get the competitive juices flowing a little bit. Not a ton of work, and nothing will be exposed schematically, of course, but with a new play-caller in Jones's head — whether it's Belichick, Matt Patricia, or Joe Judge — it might be a good time to test how the operation works.

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Aiming for Williamsport

Fairfield American's Dylan Lawlor leads off with fan support from Fairfield behind him at the start of the semifinal Metro Regional Little League baseball game against Toms River, N.J., in Bristol on Wednesday. The game was not over in time for this edition. Go to www.courant.com/sports for the result.

UConn FOOTBALL

Mora and team focus on the finish

By **Joe Arruda**
Hartford Courant

The UConn football team spent about 15 minutes at the end of Tuesday's practice focusing on end-of-game situations.

In slow motion, quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson completed a 10-yard pass to his receiver, who then inched forward as teammates staggered behind. Rugby style, the offense moved up the field, tossing the ball back to a teammate as they approached a defender.

Mora stopped the drill several times, pointing out eligible ball carriers that the defense left alone and stressing the importance of covering everyone. The ball could've been lateraled back across the field and easily carried into the end zone with a clear path. Once that late-game lateral scenario passed Mora's eye test, they moved onto Hail Mary positioning.

"We want to make sure we master (end-of-game situations). They may never come up the whole season, but if they do, we want to make sure we know how to react on offense and defense," Mora said.

The team has been practicing situational football since last week and brought tackling into drills for the first time during last Saturday's scrimmage. Mora said he doesn't have this Saturday's scrimmage totally planned out, but it will likely consist of more situational drills.

Despite finishing 1-11, UConn entered the fourth quarter trailing by 3 points or fewer in four of their losses last season. The Huskies ended up losing those games by a combined 28 points.

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RED SOX

Bullpen lacks the depth for Boston to be competitive

By **Jason Mastrodonato**
Boston Herald

BOSTON — It was a test of bullpens, and the Red Sox came up short.

The Atlanta Braves showed off their bullpen strength on Tuesday night, when they outlasted the Red Sox in a 9-7 win in 11 innings.

The Braves went from one dynamic set-up man to the next, working their way through a stable of high-octane arms including A.J. Minter, Raisel Iglesias and Kenley Jansen, among others. They sent out six relievers and all six had ERAs under 4.00, including two, Minter and Dylan Lee, who have ERAs under 3.00.

The Braves were aggressive trade deadline buyers last week, with Iglesias being one of their key acquisitions, and Jansen being their big-ticket free agent signing in the spring.

It paid off for them Tuesday night, when the Sox battled at the plate and scored one off Iglesias in the eighth to tie the game, but



Red Sox relief pitcher Kaleb Ort throws during a spring training game against the Pirates on March 29 in Bradenton, Fla. **LYNNE SLADKY/AP**

couldn't finish the job in extra innings.

The Red Sox bullpen is far less established.

With the game tied going into extra innings, Sox manager Alex Cora called on Kaleb Ort, a right-hander who was just called up from Triple-A Worcester before the game to take the place of injured closer Tanner Houck, who is out indefinitely with lower back inflammation.

Ort, a 30-year-old rookie, is one of the right-handers chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom must've

been referring to last week, when he said he didn't acquire any relievers at the trade deadline in part because he liked the Red Sox' depth options in the minors.

"We pursued a lot of different options," Bloom said. "And that's not to say we don't have faith in and see upside in the guys that are here... and some guys who are in Triple-A as well. We do think we have talent here to have more consistent results in the 'pen than we've had, and we are hopeful that

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MARINERS 4, YANKEES 3

Santana's homer rallies Mariners over Yankees

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Carlos Santana snapped an 0-for-17 slump with a go-ahead two-run homer during Seattle's three-run seventh inning, and the Mariners rallied to beat the slumping New York Yankees 4-3 on Wednesday.

Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 45th homer of the season for the Yankees, who have lost eight of 10.

Thanks to two tense, one-run victories, Seattle took two of three from New York for the second straight week to win the season series 4-2. The Mariners won 1-0 in 13 innings on Tuesday night. With the Yankees leading the AL East and Seattle in the first AL wild-card spot, the teams could meet again in the playoffs.

Seattle has not lost a series to a team other than AL West-leading Houston since mid-June, when it dropped four of five to the Los Angeles Angels.

Kyle Higashioka hit a go-ahead, two-run homer on the 115th and final pitch from Seattle starter Robbie Ray in the seventh to snap a 19-inning scoreless streak for the Yankees, and Judge's longball

against Penn Murfee (3-0) made it 3-1 later in the frame.

Murfee then retired D.J. LeMahieu and Anthony Rizzo, Diego Castillo pitched a perfect eighth, and Paul Sewald worked the ninth for his 15th save.

Ray and New York starter Nestor Cortes were both terrific, following standout performances Tuesday night from the Yankees' Gerrit Cole and the Mariners' Luis Castillo.

Cortes struck out 10 and didn't allow a hit until Sam Haggerty homered off the left-field foul pole with one out in the sixth. He was lifted after giving up consecutive singles to Ty France and Mitch Haniger to open the seventh. Haniger's hit scored France to make it 3-2.

Albert Abreu (2-2) struck out Eugenio Suarez but left a changeup in the middle of the plate and Santana didn't miss, hitting his seventh home run since being acquired by Seattle in June.

Ray allowed three hits and two runs in 6 1/2 innings. He struck out seven but walked a season-high five.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| EAST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| New York | 71 | 41 | .634 | — | — | 2-8 | L-2 | 41-15 | 30-26 |
| Toronto | 60 | 50 | .545 | 10 | +2 | 5-5 | L-2 | 34-21 | 26-29 |
| Baltimore | 58 | 52 | .527 | 12 | — | 7-3 | W-2 | 33-21 | 25-31 |
| Tampa Bay | 58 | 52 | .527 | 12 | — | 5-5 | L-2 | 33-21 | 25-31 |
| Boston | 54 | 57 | .486 | 16 ½ | 4 ½ | 4-6 | L-3 | 26-28 | 28-29 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Cleveland | 57 | 52 | .523 | — | — | 6-4 | W-3 | 29-22 | 28-30 |
| Minnesota | 57 | 52 | .523 | — | ½ | 5-5 | L-2 | 31-25 | 26-27 |
| Chicago | 56 | 54 | .509 | 1 ½ | 2 | 6-4 | W-1 | 25-29 | 31-25 |
| Kansas City | 45 | 66 | .405 | 13 | 13 ½ | 6-4 | L-1 | 26-32 | 19-34 |
| Detroit | 43 | 68 | .387 | 15 | 15 ½ | 2-8 | L-2 | 26-31 | 17-37 |

| WEST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Houston | 71 | 40 | .640 | — | — | 5-5 | W-1 | 35-17 | 36-23 |
| Seattle | 61 | 52 | .540 | 11 | +1 ½ | 6-4 | W-2 | 31-26 | 30-26 |
| Texas | 48 | 61 | .440 | 22 | 9 ½ | 3-7 | L-2 | 23-31 | 25-30 |
| Los Angeles | 49 | 63 | .438 | 22 ½ | 10 | 6-4 | W-3 | 24-32 | 25-31 |
| Oakland | 41 | 71 | .366 | 30 ½ | 18 | 2-8 | L-5 | 17-38 | 24-33 |

BOX SCORES

N.Y. METS 10, CINCINNATI 2

| Cincinnati | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|
| India 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .244 |
| Reynolds 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .249 |
| Senzel cf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| K.Farmer dh | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .255 |
| Votto 1b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .219 |
| Leopold 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .242 |
| Solano 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .298 |
| Almora Jr. rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .233 |
| Fraley lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .209 |
| Barrera ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .200 |
| Papierski c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .135 |
| TOTALS | 32 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | |
| N.Y. Mets | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
| Nimmo cf | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .269 |
| Lindor ss | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .270 |
| Escobar 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .220 |
| Alonso lb | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | .282 |
| Vogelbach dh | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | .246 |
| McNeil 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | .207 |
| Naquin rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .263 |
| Canha lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .264 |
| Guillorme 3b-ss4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .281 |
| McCann c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .188 |
| TOTALS | 33 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 10 | |

| Cincinnati | 000 | 200 | 000 | — | 2 | 6 | 1 |
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| N.Y. Mets | 231 | 013 | 00x | — | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| E: Barrero (1), Walker (1). | | | | | | | |
| LOB: Cincinnati 9, New York 6. | | | | | | | |
| 2B: Votto (18), Naquin (14), Vogelbach (14), McNeil (26). | | | | | | | |
| HR: Naquin (10), off Zeuch. | | | | | | | |
| RBI: Votto (41), Fraley (9), Alonso (96), McNeil 2 (46), Lindor 2 (81), Vogelbach 3 (44), Naquin (40). | | | | | | | |
| SB: McCann (2). SF: Fraley, McNeil. | | | | | | | |
| Runners left in scoring position: Cincinnati 3 (Senzel, Solano 2); New York 5 (Canha, McCann 2, McNeil, Naquin). | | | | | | | |
| RISP: Cincinnati 0for 4; New York 7for 14. Runners moved up: Solano. | | | | | | | |
| GIDP: Cincinnati 0; Alonso, DP: Cincinnati 2 (Solano, India, Votto); Reynolds, Barrero, Reynolds). | | | | | | | |

| CINCINNATI | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
|--|----|---|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Zeuch, L, 0-1 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 13.50 |
| Sanmartin | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6.69 |
| Gibaut | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5.52 |
| DeWitler | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3.26 |
| Strickland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5.88 |
| NY METS | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
| Walker, W, 10-3 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3.43 |
| Lugo | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2.50 |
| Williams | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3.11 |
| Medina | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2.86 |
| IBB: | | | | | | | |
| off Sanmartin (Canha). HBP: Zeuch 2 (Nimmo,Lindor), Walker (Votto). | | | | | | | |
| Umpires: Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Paul Emmel; Third, Pat Hoberg. | | | | | | | |
| Time: 3:01. A: 36,883 (41,922). | | | | | | | |

LATE TUESDAY/GAME 2:

CHI. WHITE SOX 3, KANSAS CITY 2

| White Sox | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| Pollock rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .235 |
| Moncada 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .197 |
| Jimenez lf | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .302 |
| 1-Robert pr-cf | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .298 |
| Abreu dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .189 |
| Grandal c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .189 |
| Sheets 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .230 |
| Garcia ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .211 |
| Engel cf-lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .240 |
| Sosa 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .188 |
| TOTALS | 34 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 9 | |
| Kansas City | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
| Melendez c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .230 |
| Witt Jr. ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .252 |
| Perrez dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .213 |
| Pasquantino 1b3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .237 |
| 2-Isbel pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .216 |
| Dozier 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .245 |
| Pratto lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .212 |
| Taylor cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .274 |
| Lopez 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .248 |
| Eaton rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .250 |
| TOTALS | 31 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 8 | |

| Chi. White Sox | 001 | 001 | 010 | — | 3 | 8 | 0 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 000 | 100 | 001 | — | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| 1-ran for Jimenez in the 8th. | | | | | | | |
| 2-ran for Pasquantino in the 9th. | | | | | | | |
| LOB: Chicago 7, Kansas City 5. | | | | | | | |
| 2B: Sheets (12). | | | | | | | |
| HR: Sosa (1), off Heasley; Moncada (6), off Heasley; Pasquantino (5), off Martin. RBI: Sosa (1), Moncada (32), Sheets (27), Pasquantino (9), Pratto (8). SF: Pratto. | | | | | | | |
| Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3 (Garcia 2, Pollock); Kansas City 2 (Witt Jr., Dozier). | | | | | | | |
| RISP: Chicago 0 for 5; Kansas City 0 for 2. | | | | | | | |
| Runners moved up: Sheets. | | | | | | | |
| GIDP: Abreu, DP: Kansas City 1 (Witt Jr., Lopez, Pasquantino). | | | | | | | |

1-ran for Jimenez in the 8th.
 2-ran for Pasquantino in the 9th.
LOB: Chicago 7, Kansas City 5.
2B: Sheets (12).
HR: Sosa (1), off Heasley; Moncada (4), off Heasley; Pasquantino (5), off Martin. **RBIs:** Sosa (1), Moncada (32), Sheets (27), Pasquantino (9), Pratt (8). **SF:** Pratt.

Runners left in scoring position:
 Chicago 3 (Garcia 2, Pollock); Kansas City 2 (Witt Jr., Dozier).
RISP: Chicago 0 for 5; Kansas City 0 for 2.
Runners moved up: Sheets.
GIDP: Adre. DP. Kansas City 1 (Witt Jr., Lopez, Pasquantino).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

| BATTING AVERAGE | G | AB | R | H | AVG. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|------|
| Arraez Min | 97 | 365 | 59 | 120 | .329 |
| Devers Bos | 94 | 377 | 64 | 117 | .310 |
| Gaerberts Bos | 106 | 394 | 61 | 122 | .310 |
| Curriel Jr. Tor | 99 | 366 | 47 | 113 | .309 |
| Benintendi KC | 105 | 386 | 45 | 118 | .306 |
| Kirk Tor | 98 | 321 | 49 | 98 | .305 |
| Judge NYY | 107 | 406 | 93 | 123 | .303 |
| Jimenez Cle | 97 | 318 | 42 | 96 | .302 |
| T.Anderson CHW | 79 | 332 | 50 | 100 | .301 |
| France Sea | 93 | 369 | 41 | 110 | .298 |

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 44; Alvarez, Houston, 30; Buxton, Minnesota, 27; Rizzo, New York, 27; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 25; Seager, Texas, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Stanton, New York, 24; Devers, Boston, 24; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 23.

Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 98; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 87; Alvarez, Houston, 73; A.Garcia, Texas, 71; Tucker, Houston, 68; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 68; Rizzo, New York, 66; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 66; Bichette, Toronto, 64; Stanton, New York, 61.

Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 15-3; Cease, Chicago, 12-4; Manoah, Toronto, 12-5; Tallion, New York, 11-2; Urquidy, Houston, 11-4, through Tuesday

CHI. CUBS 4, WASHINGTON 2

| Washington | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------|
| Thomas rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .239 |
| Hernandez 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .241 |
| Voit dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .230 |
| Meneses 1b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .348 |
| Hernandez lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .269 |
| a-Cruz ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .235 |
| 2-Palacios pr-lf | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .133 |
| Franco 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .229 |
| Robles cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .229 |
| Vargas ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .250 |
| Barrera c | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .185 |
| b-Ruiz ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .246 |
| TOTALS | 35 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 12 | |
| Chi Cubs | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
| Ortega cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .231 |
| Happ lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .276 |
| Reyes dh | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .375 |
| Suzuki rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .249 |
| Hoerners ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .300 |
| McKinstry 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .152 |
| Gomes c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .229 |
| 1-Wisdom pr-1b1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .220 |
| Higgins 1b-c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .281 |
| Madrigal 2b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .236 |
| TOTALS | 31 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | |

| Washington | 001 | 001 | 000 | — | 2 | 9 | 1 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Chi. Cubs | 000 | 000 | 40x | — | 4 | 9 | 0 |
| a-singled for Hernandez in the 8th. | | | | | | | |
| b-struck out for Barrera in the 9th. 1-ran for Gomes in the 7th. 2-ran for Cruz in the 8th. E: Robles (6). LOB: Washington 7, Chicago 6. 2B: Hernandez (23), Madrigal (4). HR: Meneses (4), off Steele; Hoerner (7), off Gray. RBI: Hernandez (24), Meneses (6), Hoerner (37). | | | | | | | |
| Runners left in scoring position: Washington 4 (Franco, Voit, Barrera 2); Chicago 2 (Wisdom, Happ). RISP: Washington 1for 7; Chicago 2for 5. Runners moved up: Ortega, McKinstry. GIDP: Gomes. DP: Washington 1 (Vargas, Hernandez, Meneses); Chicago 1 (Gomes, McKinstry, Gomes). | | | | | | | |

| WASHINGTON | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|------|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Gray | 6⅔ | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4.81 |
| Cishek, L, 1-3, BS, | 1-3⅔ | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8.3 |
| Edwards Jr. | ½ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.32 |
| Arano | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.29 |
| CHI CUBS | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
| Steele | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3.63 |
| Rucker, W, 1-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.25 |
| Hughes, H, 1-1 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3.31 |
| Wick, S, 6-8 | 1⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4.02 |
| Inherited runners-scored: Cishek 1-1, Edwards Jr. 1-1, Wick 1-0. HBP: Arano (Suzuki). Umpires: Home, Mike Muchlinski; First, Charlie Ramos; Second, Jim Reynolds; Third, John Libka. | | | | | | | |
| Time: 2:45. A: 29,019 (41,649). | | | | | | | |

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Patriots, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Red Sox: Orioles, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Friday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Red Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Red Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Red Sox, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Somerset, Thursday, 11 a.m.; at Somerset, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Sparks, Thursday, 10:30 p.m.; Lynx, Sunday, 1 p.m.; WNBA Playoffs vs. TBD, date/time TBD
Hartford Athletic: Indy, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Miami, August 20, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
11 a.m.: Little League Baseball Midwest Regional, Game 13: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional: Washington, DC vs. TBA. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
3 p.m.: Little League Baseball Mountain Regional: Montana vs. TBA. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Little League Baseball New England Regional: Maine vs. TBA. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Chicago Cubs vs Cincinnati Reds. (Live) FOX
7 p.m.: Little League Baseball Northwest Regional: Washington vs. TBA. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: Basketball Tec de Monterrey vs Kentucky. (Live) SEC
10 p.m.: WNBA }Chicago Sky at Las Vegas Aces. (Live) NBA
10:30 p.m.: Connecticut Sun at Los Angeles Sparks. (Live), NESN+, Twitter.
FOOTBALL
7 p.m.: New York Giants at New England Patriots. (Live) NFL
GOLF
8 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf ISPS HANDA World Invitational, First Round. (Live) GOLF
12 p.m.: Pinnacle Bank Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: FedEx St. Jude Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
7 p.m.: Women's Golf U.S. Women's Amateur, Round of 16. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
12 p.m.: Toronto Maple Leafs at Tampa Bay Lightning. (Taped) NHL
2 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Finland vs Czechia. (Live) NHL
6 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Slovakia vs Canada. (Live) NHL
10 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Switzerland vs United States. (Live) NHL
LACROSSE
5:30 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Lacrosse (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Lacrosse Team Purple vs. Team Blue. (Live) ESPN
RUGBY
6 p.m.: Toulouse Olympique at Warrington Wolves. (Same-day Tape) FSP
4 a.m.: NRL Rugby New Zealand Warriors vs Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
3:48 p.m.: 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Japan vs Netherlands. (Live) FSP
6:55 p.m.: 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup France vs Nigeria. (Live) FS1
9:50 p.m.: 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Canada vs Korea Republic. (Live) FS1
TENNIS
11 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Canada - Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS
12 p.m.: ATP Tennis National Bank Open, Men's Day Session. (Live) SPRTNET
6:30 p.m.: ATP Tennis National Bank Open, Men's Evening Session. (Live) SPRTNET



Mets slugger Pete Alonso scores during the seventh against the Reds on Wednesday in New York. JULIA NIKHINSON/AP

METS 10, REDS 2

Lindor scores 3 more, Mets win 6th straight

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Francisco Lindor scored three runs, tying a franchise record by crossing the plate in 13 consecutive games, and the New York Mets breezed to their sixth straight win, 10-2 over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.

Lindor finished 2-for-3 with a walk and a two-run single in the second inning that increased his RBI total to 82, matching Jose Reyes in 2006 for the most by a Mets shortstop. Lindor reached the mark in his 111th game, 42 fewer than Reyes played that year.

His run-scoring streak is the longest in the majors this season and matched David Wright (July 13-29, 2008) for the longest in Mets history.

Taijuan Walker (10-3) pitched six solid innings to reach double-digit wins for the first time since he went 11-8 for Seattle in 2015. Trade-deadline addition Daniel Vogelbach drove in

three runs, Tyler Naquin homered and Pete Alonso had three hits for the NL East-leading Mets.

New York has the second-best record in the majors (73-39) and outscored Cincinnati 21-5 in the three-game sweep. The Mets have not trailed during their six-game run, winning every game by three runs or more.

T.J. Zeuch (0-1) lost his Reds debut, allowing six runs on six hits and two walks with four strikeouts in four innings. Zeuch, who grew up about half an hour from Cincinnati, is the 57th player to appear in a game for the Reds this season, tying the team record set in 2003. He appeared in 13 games for Toronto from 2019-21.

Lindor walked and scored the Mets' second run in the first. His single in the second made it 4-0.

Walker allowed two runs on five hits with three walks and five strikeouts. Joey Votto had an RBI double for Cincinnati in

the fourth and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jake Fraley.

Women's Day: The Mets held their first Women's Day at Citi Field. The club honored Shannon Dalton Forde, who was a public-relations executive with the team from 1994 until her death from breast cancer in 2016, with a pregame video tribute.

Mets players walked to the plate to songs by female artists, including Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know" for Mark Canha, the Spice Girls' "Wannabe" for James McCann, Shania Twain's "Man! I Feel Like A Woman!" for Brandon Nimmo and Kelis' "Milkshake" for Daniel Vogelbach.

Mets notes: RF Starling Marte got the day off after starting each of the first 17 games following the All-Star Break. ... RHP Max Scherzer (8-2, 1.98) will start the opener of a three-game series against visiting Philadelphia on Friday.

YANKEES

As the Astros pull even, there's no time for Yanks to worry about lead in AL

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

SEATTLE — Tuesday night's 13-inning loss to the Mariners left the Yankees little time to catch up on what went on around the league, but they knew Wednesday morning they had lost their advantage in the American League.

With their sixth loss in the last seven games, the Bombers and Astros have identical records and Houston holds the tiebreaker.

"I mean I know what everyone does every night, because I follow the game. I pay attention from that standpoint, but our focus is on trying to win ball-games," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Ultimately you can't worry about what everyone else is doing. This is about us. We're in a little bit of a rough patch here and (focused on) getting us in the right direction."

The Yankees have gone 2-7 in their last nine games

and 7-12 since the All-Star break. Tuesday night, it was base running mistakes that cost them, but every game it's been a different issue. The one consistent has been close games. The Bombers are 32-27 in games decided by two or fewer runs this season.

"We just continue to play a bunch of tight ball-games, that unfortunately this past week especially, we've been for the most part on the short side of it," Boone said. "So it's just getting everything synched up on given days. Obviously last night we played really, really well on defense to give us a chance, but I feel like that's a game we should have taken advantage of. Obviously we get some key guys out (with injuries) right now, but I have a ton of confidence in the guys we've got rolling out there sometimes in their place. I feel like we're close to getting it rolling here again. Just gotta continue to grind away right now."

Yankees

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Roster shuffle: Seattle optioned OF/DH Kyle Lewis and LHP Brandon Bernardino to Triple-A Tacoma to clear roster spots for the return of Diego Castillo and utility-man Dylan Moore.

Lewis, the 2020 AL rookie of the year, struggled badly at the plate after returning from a concussion. Lewis was hitting .098 with 18 strikeouts in his previous 46 plate appearances.

"Kyle's tool is the bat and

it has been a struggle since he came back up here. Recently, the strikeout has crept in. I do think there's a role for him on our club. But you need to be productive," Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

Seattle is also moving RHP Chris Flexen to the bullpen. The Mariners picked up a sixth starter when they acquired Luis Castillo at the trade deadline. Servais said Flexen may come back into the rotation later in the season as Seattle monitors the innings of rookie George Kirby.

Red Sox

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we'll be able to do that."

Ort entered with a 9.49 ERA in 12 ½ innings this season as he took over in the 10th inning.

It was eye-opening to compare, as the Braves sent out Lee in the 10th.

Lee entered with a sparkling 1.80 ERA over 30 innings this year and got the job done in the 10th, paving the way for the Braves to score two in the 11th and take home the win.

Cora seemed exasperated after the game when asked what his thinking was in the 11th inning, when his only remaining options in the bullpen were lefties Austin Davis and Darwinzon Hernandez, who have a combined 11.77 ERA in 26 innings

since June 17.

After Ronald Acuna Jr. singled Michael Harris II to third base to start the 11th, Dansby Swanson recorded a groundout and Cora could've chosen to intentionally walk Austin Riley to load the bases against Matt Olson.

Olson hits left-handed and the Sox could've then brought in Davis or Hernandez to face him, but neither option looked particularly appealing.

Cora went with Ort, who allowed a two-run single to Riley to give the Braves a 9-7 lead.

"It's hard to walk (Olson) there, bases loaded, bring the lefty," Cora said. "It's one of those, this is where we're at (with our roster). You have to make decisions based on the way you feel about the game and we needed to attack him there."

BASEBALL LATE TUESDAY

Mariners top Yankees in extras for tense 1-0 win

Staff and Wire Reports

Pinch-hitter Luis Torrens singled with one out in the 13th inning to score Eugenio Suárez, and the Mariners beat the New York Yankees 1-0 on Tuesday night in Seattle in a game dominated by the starting pitching of Gerrit Cole and Luis Castillo.

The two aces were overpowering into the late innings before turning it over to bullpens that managed to keep the game scoreless deep into the night.

Some bad baserunning by the Yankees helped, as did a lack of execution by the Mariners as both teams had chances early in the extra frames to finally score a run.

Mets 6, Reds 2: At New York, Francisco Lindor and Jeff McNeil both homered and drove in two runs, leading Carlos Carrasco and streaking New York. Carrasco (13-4) pitched into the seventh inning and struck out nine to win his fifth straight decision and tie for the National League lead in wins.

Braves 9, Red Sox 7 (11): At Boston, Austin Riley had a go-ahead, two-run single in the 11th inning and Atlanta rallied. Riley also hit his 30th home run of the season, a towering, two-run shot over the Green Monster, and an RBI triple to help Atlanta snap its first three-game losing streak of the year.

Eastern League

Patriots 3, Yard Goats 1: At Somerset, N.J., outfielder Zac Veen and pitcher Will Etheridge each contributed in their Double-A debuts despite the Eastern League Northeast Division loss.

Veen, considered the Colorado Rockies' top prospect, got a base hit that contributed to Hartford's lone run. With Hunter Stovall on first, Veen singled to right, sending Stovall to third. Veen then got in a rundown that led to an out but allowed the run to score.

Etheridge, meanwhile, started and went four no-hit innings. Yankees top prospect Anthony Volpe had two hits and an RBI.

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SPORTS

NFL

Giants coach Daboll returns to New England where it all started

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — In Brian Daboll’s first game as an NFL head coach Thursday night, he’ll be coaching against both his mentor, Bill Belichick, and his Giants predecessor, Joe Judge, a former New England Patriots colleague.

Daboll insists this somewhat emotional and awkward preseason homecoming is not front of mind.

“Obviously he [Belichick] is a mentor of mine, but I haven’t sat there and been like, ‘Oh, this is the first game,’ ” Daboll said Tuesday. “I know my wife and kids are gonna try to get out to it. But he’s coached what, 750 games? This is the first preseason game for me. I’m just trying to do right by my team. Not really worrying about me.”

Daboll sure knows his Patriots’ history: Belichick has coached 739 regular season games in the NFL in 47 seasons as a head coach and coordinator, 803 including playoffs.

Daboll should know it, too. He started his NFL journey here as a defensive assistant under Belichick in 2000, and was a part of five Patriots Super Bowl teams.



New York Giants head coach Brian Daboll walks onto the field during practice on Friday in East Rutherford, N.J. **ADAM HUNGER/AP**

So he says his focus is much more on the details of the Giants’ road trip, fundamentals and playing a clean game than on coming back to Gillette Stadium.

Meanwhile, Daboll said he hadn’t even addressed Judge’s presence on the Patriots’ sideline Thursday with the Giants’ players, many of whom had fought for Judge the past two years in New Jersey.

Daboll said coaching against old friends and former players in this league is old hat.

“It’s just kind of the nature of the NFL,” Daboll said. This is not just any other game, though.

Slot corner Darnay Holmes called it “just another game” but admitted he wouldn’t be a Giant without Judge, who drafted him in the 2020 fourth round out of UCLA.

“I’m excited to see him, because he’s the reason why I’m in this building,” Holmes said. “Salute to that guy, salute to [former GM Dave] Gettleman, salute to those who came before me.

And at the end of the day it’s another opponent, another match. We’re just excited to see where we’re at as a team and coaches.”

Some players also have thrown some shade at Judge and the previous staff for coaching too hard.

Free safety Xavier McKinney, Judge’s 2020 second round pick out of Alabama, has made multiple references to “not being afraid to make a mistake or mess up” under Daboll and new D-coordinator Wink Martindale — an allusion

perhaps to both Judge and former DC Pat Graham.

Center Jon Feliciano, who wasn’t even here last season, said in June that “you can just kind of tell people get a little scared when they mess up.”

Their implication clearly is that they believe Daboll is more constructive than destructive — though it’s odd hearing players on one of the NFL’s worst recent teams say that it’s a relief being able to mess up.

They will learn quickly that Daboll won’t tolerate mistakes either.

He also comes from the Belichick tree, from which Giants ownership has plucked two consecutive head coaches (after interviewing Matt Patricia and Josh McDaniels in 2018).

Then there are the texts. Oh, the texts.

Former Dolphins head coach Brian Flores, of course, alleges in a lawsuit that Belichick accidentally texted Flores that he was the Giants “guy” two days prior to Flores’ in-person interview for the vacancy after Judge’s firing.

Belichick allegedly intended to text Daboll instead. Flores therefore referred to his Giants interview as a “sham.”

JETS

Wilson to start preseason opener with ‘one or two’ series

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Zach Wilson will start but with limited opportunities in the preseason opener Friday, the quarterback’s first action against another team since his disappointing rookie campaign ended seven months ago.

Wilson is scheduled for “one or two” series with the starters against the Eagles, according to coach Robert Saleh, before transitioning to backups Joe Flacco and Mike White, in that order.

“If the starters put together a good first series, we’ll call it a day,” Saleh said. “If not, we’ll try to go

out there and get a certain amount of plays.”

For Wilson, the series in Philly are a culmination of a rollercoaster training camp that started poorly in the team drills but looked more promising in the final week. Wednesday was another strong day from Wilson, who led a drive with a side-arm bullet to Elijah Moore and a touchdown pass to Corey Davis.

Wilson completed all five of his pass attempts on the drive.

“It’s been good. The game is slowing down, all those good things,” Saleh said. “Obviously there’s another level that’s going to be reached. But really like

the way he’s approaching every day. He’s unflappable in terms of not losing confidence.”

Wilson, one of the NFL’s worst-rated quarterbacks last season with more interceptions (11) than touchdowns (9), has boilerplate expectations for the first scrimmage.

“The biggest thing is going to be clean football, we have to go out there with no penalties. There’s going to be the penalties, but it’s going to be the pre-snap penalties that you need to avoid,” Wilson said. “I would say there’s the missed assignments that we need to avoid. We need to look like a football team

out there.”

Open tackle: With Mekhi Becton done for the season because of a fractured kneecap, Robert Saleh declared an open battle for his vacant position.

“The whole right tackle spot is open,” the coach said Wednesday, declining to name a starter for Friday’s preseason game against the Eagles.

Rookie Max Mitchell, a fourth round pick out of Louisiana-Lafayette, took the starter snaps in Wednesday’s practice, one day after 25-year-old Chuma Edoga filled that role.

Conor McDermott, a six-year veteran, is a strong

candidate but is out in the short term with an ankle injury sustained over the weekend.

The Jets have also been open about their desire to sign free agent Duane Brown, who brings the strongest pedigree as a five-time Pro Bowler but is also turning 37 this month.

Asked about juggling development with immediate production from the right tackle, Saleh indicated he’d be less tolerant of growing pains. Such a philosophy would point to Brown, if he’s ever signed, although he’s theoretically less familiar with the system after missing training camp.

Patriots

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What about the veterans?:

Players such as McCourty, Lawrence Guy, Adrian Phillips, Jalen Mills, and Matthew Judon on defense and Nelson Agholor, Hunter Henry, DeVante Parker, David Andrews, and Trent Brown on offense will be in

uniform but likely will relegated to spectator status.

What about the rookies on offense?:

There will be plenty to watch here. Whether you’re into the flashiness of the skill players or the grunting work of the guys in the trenches (or both!), you’ll be busy.

Rookie quarterback Bailey Zappe said this week

he’s “really excited to go sling the ball around,” and he’ll get an opportunity to do just that. He’s had a pretty decent workload this summer, working as the No. 2 with Brian Hoyer out, and has flashed some real zip. His accuracy has been inconsistent, but the steady improvement has been noticeable.

Tyquan Thornton has

shown up and shown out a lot in camp. The blazing receiver has more than speed in his tool bag as he’s shown off quickness, moves, a willingness to get physical, and strong hands.

First-round pick Cole Strange has been solid at left guard. He’s taken some lumps and some L’s in his one-on-one battles but bounces back strong.

Who’s hanging on the corners?:

Two more rookies, Marcus Jones and Jack Jones, have looked sharp in camp. They have competed well with a bevy of veterans (Malcolm Butler, Terrance Mitchell and Joejuan Williams) and have not looked out of place. This franchise is excellent at grooming young cornerbacks.

UConn

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Finishing games is important, and Mora hopes UConn fans will help the team do so.

“I hope (fans) come out and support them,” he said. “I will tell you this, that these kids, these young

men, they are committed, they have a great work ethic. They represent the school well. They want to compete, they want to be good and it is really important for them to feel supported. If this was a group of guys that didn’t really care, didn’t really compete, it’d be hard to get behind them, but that’s not what they are.”

Mora, who called himself a “1-0 type of guy” who is focused on the game he’s coaching and doesn’t predict results, said the brand of football he expects UConn to play will be one that gets noticed out of the state.

“I think if (fans) come out to the Rent or if they turn on the TV on Saturday and watch his team play, I think

they’ll see a team that plays with a lot of passion, a lot of grit, they play disciplined. They compete like crazy on every single down,” Mora said.

The energy surrounding the program has felt different since Mora’s hiring. He has the passion, the experience and he loves what he’s doing. Once that energy translates

to the fans, Mora feels it will make a difference.

“I know this,” Mora said. “Players feed off the energy of the crowd, coaches feed off the energy of the crowd. People that tell you they don’t pay attention to the crowd are lying to you. Because we do. We feel it. We feed off of it, it makes a difference to us.”

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY’S LATE RESULTS

CTL **Playoffs**—First Round

At Riverfront Park, Glastonbury

Winner’s Bracket

ROCKIES 4, ANGELS 0

Elimination Bracket

DODGERS 7, ORIOLES 1

At Beehive Field, New Britain

Winner’s Bracket

BLACK SOX 5, ROCK CATS 3

Elimination Bracket

AFTERSHOCK 4, KNIGHTS 2

CTL **Playoffs**—At Riverfront Park, Glastonbury

Elimination **Bracket**—Quarterfinals

NO. 5 ROCK CATS VS. NO. 4

AFTERSHOCK, LATE

NO. 7 DODGERS VS. NO. 2 ANGELS, LATE

MONDAY’S SCHEDULE

CTL **Playoffs**—At Muzzy Field, Bristol

Winner’s Bracket—**Final:** No. 3 Rockies vs. No. 1 Black Sox, 6p.m.

Elimination **Bracket**—**Semifinal:** Rock Cats/Aftershook winner vs. Dodgers/Angels winner, 8p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY’S LATE RESULTS

GHTL **Playoffs**—Double Elimination

At Palmer Field, Middletown

EXPOS 9, CARDINALS 7

PEOPLE’S 1, GRAPHICS 0

At McKenna Field, East Hartford

COLTS 3, JETS 1

ORIOLES 3, PHILLIES 1

WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS

GHTL **Playoffs**—Double Elimination

Winner’s **Bracket**—Semifinals (at Palmer Field Middletown)

NO. 7 COLTS VS. NO. 3 ORIOLES, LATE

NO. 4 PEOPLE’S VS. NO. 1 EXPOS, LATE

Elimination **Bracket**—First Round (at McKenna Field, East Hartford)

NO. 6 PHILLIES VS. NO. 2 JETS, LATE

NO. 8 CARDINALS VS. NO. 5 GRAPHICS, LATE

THURSDAY’S SCHEDULE

GHTL **Playoffs**—Double Elimination

Elimination **Bracket**—Quarterfinals (at McKenna Field, East Hartford)

Colts/Orioles loser vs. Phillies/Jets winner, 6p.m.

People’s/Expos loser vs. Cardinals/

Graphics winner, 8p.m.

Eastern League standings

| Northeast | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| Somerset | 63 | 39 | .618 | — |
| Hartford | 61 | 41 | .598 | 2 |
| Portland | 50 | 53 | .485 | 13.5 |
| New Hampshire | 47 | 57 | .452 | 17 |
| Reading | 46 | 57 | .447 | 17.5 |
| Binghamton | 39 | 63 | .382 | 24 |
| Southwest | W | L | PCT | GB |
| Erie | 62 | 41 | .602 | — |
| Akron | 56 | 45 | .554 | 5 |
| Bowie | 51 | 51 | .500 | 10.5 |
| Richmond | 51 | 51 | .500 | 10.5 |

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|------------|----|----|------|----|
| Altoona | 49 | 54 | .476 | 13 |
| Harrisburg | 40 | 63 | .388 | 22 |

TUESDAY’S LATE RESULTS

SOMERSET 3, HARTFORD 1

PORTLAND 5, RICHMOND 4

READING 13, HARRISBURG 2

ALTOONA 6, BINGHAMTON 0

AKRON 6, BOWIE 5

ERIE 9, NEW HAMPSHIRE 6

WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS

ERIE 5, NEW HAMPSHIRE 3

RICHMOND AT SOMERSET, LATE

READING AT HARRISBURG, LATE

ALTOONA AT BINGHAMTON, LATE

BOWIE AT AKRON, LATE

THURSDAY’S SCHEDULE

Hartford at Somerset, 11a.m.

Reading at Harrisburg, 12p.m.

Richmond at Portland, 12p.m.

Altoona at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.

Bowie at Akron, 6:30p.m.

Erie at New Hampshire, 7p.m.

TUESDAY’S LATE YARD GOATS BOX SCORE

PATRIOTS 3, YARD GOATS 1

| Hartford | AB | R | H | BI |
|-------------|----|---|---|----|
| Stovall, ss | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Veen, rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Schunk, 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lavigne, 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Doyle, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montano, lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MacIver, c | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hill, dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Collins, 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

| Somerset | AB | R | H | BI |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|
| Volpe, ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Dunham, lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wells, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chaparro, 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lockridge, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rosario, rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bastides, 2b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Gasper, 1b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wagaman, dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 28 | 3 | 8 | 3 |

Hartford 000-100-000—1-6-0

Somerset 000-010-20x—3-8-0

LOB: Hartford 4, Somerset 5. HR:

Rosario, Wagaman. 2B: MacIver. 5B:

Chaparro. CS: MacIver, Hill, Veen;

Dunham, Volpe.

Hartford; IP: H; R; ER; BB; SO: ERA

Ethridge; 4; 0; 0; 0; 3; 1; 0.00

Locey (L, 0-4); 2.2; 7; 3; 3; 0; 2; 13.06

Calvo; 1.1; 1; 0; 0; 1; 2; 3.79

Somerset; IP: H; R; ER; BB; SO: ERA

Vasquez; 5.2; 5; 1; 1; 1; 8; 3.99

McGarity (W, 2-0); 1.1; 0; 0; 0; 3; 3.00

Minnick; 1; 1; 0; 0; 2; 2.47

Coleman (S, 10); 1; 0; 0; 1; 0; 3.19

VP: Calvo. Umpires: Acosta, Mandzuk,

Trzeciak. Time: 2:23. Att.: 4,210.

TUESDAY’S LATE CT SUN BOX SCORE

SUN 97, SPARKS 71

| Connecticut | M | FG | FT | RB | A | PF | PT |
|-------------|----|------|-----|----|---|----|----|
| Bonner | 24 | 4-6 | 1-1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| A. Thomas | 26 | 5-7 | 1-1 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 11 |
| J. Jones | 26 | 8-12 | 2-2 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 21 |
| Williams | 19 | 2-7 | 2-2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Hiedeman | 23 | 5-8 | 1-1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 13 |
| Sims | 26 | 2-8 | 2-2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Carrington | 15 | 4-9 | 0-0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| B. Jones | 18 | 6-11 | 2-2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 14 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|
| Clouden | 12 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Holmes | 10 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| TOTALS | — | 38-75 | 13-13 | 41 | 21 | 17 | 97 |

Three-point goals: 8-19, 42.1(J. Jones

3-4, Hiedeman 2-3, Sims 1-2, Holmes

1-2, Bonner 1-3, Clouden 0-1, Williams

0-2, Carrington 0-2). FG pct.: 50.7. FT

pct.: 100. Turnovers: 18(Sims 5, A.

Thomas 3, J. Jones 3, Carrington 3, B.

Jones 2, Bonner, Williams). Blocks: 2

(Bonner, Carrington). Steals: 12(A.

Thomas 4, Bonner 3, Sims 3, Williams,

Hiedeman).

| Los Angeles | M | FG | FT | RB | A | PF | PT |
|--------------|----|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|
| Samuelson | 30 | 2-8 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| N. Ogumike | 27 | 8-15 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 16 |
| Nelson-Ododa | 19 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Sykes | 38 | 6-17 | 6-9 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 18 |
| Canada | 25 | 5-6 | 5-5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 15 |
| C. Ogumike | 13 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Brown | 22 | 2-6 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Walker | 15 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Smith | 11 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| TOTALS | — | 27-60 | 11-14 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 71 |

Three-point goals: 6-15, 40.0(Brown

2-4, Samuelson 2-6, C. Ogumike 1-1,

Smith 1-1, N. Ogumike 0-1, Sykes

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

| MLS EASTERN | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Philadelphia | 12 | 3 | 9 | 45 | 41 | 18 |
| New York City FC | 12 | 5 | 6 | 42 | 43 | 24 |
| CF Montréal | 12 | 8 | 4 | 40 | 40 | 39 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 10 | 7 | 7 | 37 | 38 | 30 |
| Columbus | 8 | 6 | 9 | 33 | 31 | 26 |
| Cincinnati | 8 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 40 | 43 |
| Chicago | 8 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 27 | 30 |
| Orlando City | 8 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 27 | 36 |
| Inter Miami CF | 8 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 29 | 39 |
| New England | 7 | 7 | 9 | 30 | 35 | 34 |
| Charlotte FC | 9 | 13 | 2 | 29 | 30 | 34 |
| Atlanta | 7 | 9 | 7 | 28 | 31 | 34 |
| Toronto FC | 7 | 12 | 5 | 26 | 34 | 42 |
| D.C. United | 6 | 13 | 4 | 22 | 28 | 47 |

| MLS WESTERN | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Los Angeles FC | 16 | 4 | 3 | 51 | 48 | 24 |
| Austin FC | 13 | 5 | 6 | 45 | 50 | 31 |
| FC Dallas | 9 | 7 | 9 | 36 | 34 | 27 |
| Minnesota United | 10 | 9 | 5 | 35 | 38 | 34 |
| Real Salt Lake | 9 | 8 | 7 | 34 | 31 | 33 |
| Nashville | 8 | 8 | 9 | 33 | 33 | 34 |
| Portland | 7 | 6 | 12 | 33 | 41 | 37 |
| Seattle | 10 | 12 | 2 | 32 | 31 | 29 |
| LA Galaxy | 9 | 11 | 3 | 30 | 32 | 32 |
| Colorado | 8 | 9 | 6 | 30 | 34 | 36 |
| Vancouver | 8 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 27 | 39 |
| Houston | 7 | 13 | 4 | 25 | 29 | 39 |
| San Jose | 5 | 10 | 9 | 24 | 39 | 49 |
| Sporting KC | 6 | 14 | 5 | 23 | 23 | 44 |

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY, ALL-STAR GAME
Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.
MLS Stars vs. Liga MX Stars, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando City at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
New York City FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Sporting KC at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9p.m.
San Jose at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
CF Montréal at Houston, 9p.m.
Vancouver at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.
Charlotte FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Minnesota at Nashville, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
D.C. United at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17
N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at New York City FC, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

RECENT MLS ALL STAR RESULTS
Aug. 25, 2021: MLS Stars 1,
Mexico Liga MX Stars 1 (3-2 pk)
Banc of California Stadium, Los Angeles
July 31, 2019: Spain Atlético Madrid 3,
MLS Stars 0
Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.
Aug. 1, 2018: Italy Juventus 1,
MLS Stars 1 (5-3 pk)
Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
Aug. 2, 2017: Spain Real Madrid 1,
MLS Stars 1 (4-2 pk)
Soldier Field, Chicago
July 28, 2016: England Arsenal 2,
MLS Stars 1
Avaya Stadium, San Jose, Calif.
July 29, 2015: MLS Stars 2,
Tottenham Hotspur 1 (Dick's Sporting
Goods Park, Commerce City, Colo.)
Aug. 6, 2014: MLS Stars 2,
Germany Bayern Munich 1
Providence Park, Portland, Ore.
July 31, 2013: Italy Roma 3, MLS Stars 1
Sporting Park, Kansas City, Kan.
July 25, 2012: MLS Stars 3,
Chelsea 2 (PPL Park, Chester, Pa.)
July 27, 2011: Manchester United 4,
MLS Stars 0 (Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.)
July 28, 2010: Manchester united 5,
MLS Stars 2 (Reliant Stadium, Houston)
July 29, 2009: England Everton 1
MLS Stars 1, (4-3 pk)
Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah
July 24, 2008: MLS Stars 3,
England West Ham United 2
BMO Field, Toronto, Ontario
July 19, 2007: MLS Stars 2,
Scotland Celtic 0 (Dick's Sporting
Goods Park, Commerce City, Colo.)
Aug. 5, 2006: MLS Stars 1,
England Chelsea 0
Toyota Park, Bridgeview, Ill.
July 30, 2005: MLS Stars 4,
England Fulham 1
Crew Stadium, Columbus, Ohio
July 31, 2004: MLS East 3, MLS West 2
RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C.
Aug. 2, 2003: MLS Stars 3,
Mexico Guadalajara 1
Home Depot Center, Carson, Calif.
Aug. 3, 2002: MLS Stars 3, U.S. 2
RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C.
July 28, 2001: MLS West 6, MLS East 6
Spartan Stadium, San Jose, Calif.
July 29, 2000: MLS 9, MLS West 4
Crew Stadium, Columbus, Ohio
July 17, 1999: MLS West 6, MLS East 4
Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif.
Aug. 2, 1998: MLS USA 6, MLS World 1
Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
July 9, 1997: MLS East 5, MLS West 4
Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J.
July 14, 1996: MLS East 3, MLS West 2
Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J.

| NWSL CLUB | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|----------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Portland | 6 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 34 | 14 |
| San Diego | 7 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 21 | 13 |
| Houston | 7 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 26 | 17 |
| Chicago | 6 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 22 | 17 |
| Kansas City | 6 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 16 | 17 |
| OL Reign | 5 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 16 | 14 |
| Angel City | 5 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 14 | 16 |
| Orlando | 3 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 16 | 30 |
| Louisville | 2 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 16 | 22 |
| Gotham FC | 4 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 24 |
| Washington | 1 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 19 |
| North Carolina | 2 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 20 | 22 |

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Portland at Washington, late

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Louisville at Houston, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at North Carolina, 8p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 3p.m.
Chicago at Angel City, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17
Gotham FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Angel City at Kansas City, 8p.m.

| ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | PT |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Tottenham | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Bournemouth | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Arsenal | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Man City | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Newcastle | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Brighton | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Leeds | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Chelsea | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Brentford | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Fulham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Leicester | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Liverpool | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Man United | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Wolverhampton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Everton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Aston Villa | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Crystal Palace | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Notting. Forest | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| West Ham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Southampton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Aston Villa vs. Everton, 7:30a.m.
Arsenal vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Newcastle, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Leeds, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Fulham, 10a.m.
Brentford vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Notting. Forest vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

TENNIS

NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Wednesday at Uniprix Stadium & Aviva Centre, Montreal; outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Nick Kyrgios d. #1 Daniil Medvedev, 6-7(1), 6-4, 6-2.
Tommy Paul d. #2 Carlos Alcaraz, 6-7(4), 7-6(7), 6-3.
#3 Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. Jack Draper, late
#4 Casper Ruud d. Alex Molcan, 7-6(3), 6-3.
Daniel Evans d. #5 Andrey Rublev, 6-4, 6-4.
#6 Felix Auger-Aliassime vs. Yoshihito Nishioka, late
#7 Jannik Sinner d. Adrian Mannarino, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
#9 Cameron Norrie d. Botin Van De Zandschulp, 6-1, 6-2.
#10 Taylor Fritz d. Frances Tiafoe, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. #12Diego Schwartzman, 6-4, 6-2.
#13 Marin Cilic d. Karen Khachanov, 6-3, 6-2.
#14 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Jensen Brooksby, 7-5, 6-1.
Alex de Minaur d. #15 Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6(4), 7-5
#17 Gael Monfis d. Maxime Cressy, 7-6(10), 7-6(6).
Pablo Carreno Busta d. Holger Rune, 6-0, 6-3.
LATE TUESDAY, ROUND OF 32
#8 Hubert Hurkacz d. Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-2.

Wednesday at Aviva Centre Stadium, Toronto, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Iga Swiatek d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-1, 6-2.
Jil Teichmann d. #2 Anett Kontaveit, 6-4, 6-4.
Yulia Putintseva d. #4 Paula Badosa, 7-5, 1-0, retired.
Qinwen Zheng d. #5 Ons Jabeur, 6-12, 2-1, retired.
#6 Aryna Sabalenka d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-4, 6-3.
#7 Jessica Pegula d. Asia Muhammad, 6-2, 7-5.
#8 Garbine Muguruza d. Kaia Kanepi, 6-4, 6-4.
#10 Coco Gauff d. Elena Rybakina, 6-4, 6-7(8), 7-6(3).
#12Belinda Bencic d. Serena Williams, 6-2, 6-4.
Beatriz Haddad Maia d. #13 Leylah Annie Fernandez, 7-6(4), 6-1.
#14 Karolina Pliskova d. Amanda Anisimova, 6-1, 6-1.
#15 Simona Halep d. Zhang Shuai, 6-4, 6-2.
Alison Riske-Amritraj d. #16 Jelena Ostapenko, 7-6(2), 0-6, 7-5.
Camila Giorgi d. Elise Mertens, 6-3, 7-5.
Alize Cornet vs. Bianca Andreescu, late
LATE TUESDAY, ROUND OF 32
#3Maria Sakkari d. Sloane Stephens, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

WTA THOREAU TENNIS OPEN 125
Wednesday at The Thoreau Club, Concord, Mass., outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#2 Bernarda Pera d. Anna Blinkova, 2-6, 7-6(6), 6-3.
#4 Magdalena Frech d. Caty McNally, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Coco Vandeweghe d. Eva Lys, 6-1, 6-1.
Taylor Townsend d. Ysaline Bonaventure, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

| WNBA | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| x-Chicago | 25 | 9 | .735 | — |
| x-Connecticut | 23 | 11 | .676 | 2 |
| x-Washington | 20 | 14 | .588 | 5 |
| New York | 14 | 20 | .412 | 11 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 20 | .412 | 11 |
| Indiana | 5 | 29 | .147 | 20 |
| WEST | W | L | Pct | GB |
| x-Las Vegas | 24 | 10 | .706 | — |
| x-Seattle | 21 | 13 | .618 | 3 |
| x-Dallas | 17 | 17 | .500 | 7 |
| Phoenix | 14 | 19 | .424 | 9½ |
| Minnesota | 13 | 20 | .394 | 10½ |
| Los Angeles | 13 | 21 | .382 | 11 |

x-clinched playoff spot

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
New York 91, Dallas 73
Minnesota at Phoenix, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Indiana, 7p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Connecticut, 1p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 2p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 3p.m.
Seattle at Las Vegas, 3p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 5p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 7p.m.

End of regular season
Playoffs begin Wednesday

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 111, Chicago 100
Las Vegas 97, Atlanta 90
Connecticut 97, Los Angeles 71

| SEASON STATISTICS | GP | PPG | RPG | APG |
|-------------------|----|------|------|------|
| Las Vegas | 34 | 89.9 | 35.6 | 20.7 |
| Chicago | 34 | 86.6 | 35.1 | 24.3 |
| Connecticut | 34 | 85.4 | 37.0 | 20.9 |
| Minnesota | 33 | 82.7 | 37.3 | 20.9 |
| Dallas | 33 | 82.5 | 34.0 | 18.6 |
| Seattle | 34 | 81.6 | 33.2 | 22.4 |
| Phoenix | 33 | 81.5 | 31.4 | 19.1 |
| Washington | 34 | 79.7 | 35.1 | 20.1 |
| Los Angeles | 34 | 79.5 | 30.8 | 19.0 |
| New York | 33 | 79.0 | 34.2 | 20.6 |
| Atlanta | 34 | 78.6 | 35.4 | 17.6 |
| Indiana | 34 | 78.1 | 33.7 | 18.1 |

| TEAM | MN | FG% | 3P% | FT% |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|
| Chicago | 40.4 | 48.3 | 34.8 | 82.2 |
| Connecticut | 40.3 | 45.9 | 35.5 | 79.4 |
| Las Vegas | 40.1 | 45.7 | 35.8 | 82.1 |
| Minnesota | 40.3 | 45.2 | 34.8 | 77.8 |
| Los Angeles | 40.1 | 44.7 | 32.1 | 78.4 |
| Seattle | 40.1 | 43.8 | 35.4 | 82.6 |
| Dallas | 40.2 | 43.1 | 33.6 | 76.5 |
| New York | 40.5 | 42.6 | 34.5 | 82.2 |
| Phoenix | 40.5 | 42.6 | 32.3 | 81.4 |
| Atlanta | 40.3 | 42.3 | 35.5 | 77.7 |
| Indiana | 40.3 | 40.5 | 33.1 | 74.1 |

| OFF. RATING | ORTG | G | PTSFG% | TM |
|----------------|------|----|--------|----------|
| Brionna Jones | 124 | 34 | 13.7 | .565 CON |
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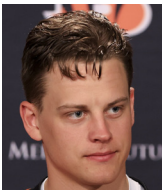
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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Burrow still ‘few weeks’ from return



Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow is still on the mend from an appendectomy two weeks ago, and there’s no timetable for his participation in training camp. The third-year quarterback, who last season led the Bengals to their first Super Bowl in 33 years, has been observing practice from a golf cart or scooter. He drew a hearty cheer from fans at a recent practice when he picked up a football and tossed it around. “Every day has been a very encouraging day for him,” coach Zac Taylor said Wednesday. “I’m not going to make a prediction.” The QB’s father, Jimmy Burrow, told radio analyst Dave Lapham on the “In the Trenches” podcast Friday that it might be a “few weeks” before his son is able to practice. “It set him back,” Jimmy Burrow said of the surgery. “But he seems to be getting better every day, and hopefully, here in a few weeks we’ll be back out on the field.” Taylor said he doesn’t expect Burrow to be lagging in his preparation for the season. Like most of the Bengals’ starters, Burrow wouldn’t have played in the preseason opener on Friday night anyway.

Ex-Wazzu coach to file \$25M lawsuit



Former Washington State football coach Nick Rolovich filed a claim against the university seeking \$25 million for wrongful termination after he was fired last year for refusing to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The claim was filed on Rolovich’s behalf with the state’s Office of Risk Management on April 27, the Seattle Times reported. Such a claim is a prerequisite for filing a lawsuit against a state agency. A person must wait 60 days to sue after a tort claim is filed. No suit had been filed as of Wednesday. Rolovich, above, who’s Catholic, was denied a religious exemption from Gov. Jay Inslee’s mandate requiring state employees to get the vaccine. He was fired in October after he had coached just 11 games with the Cougars over two seasons. Rolovich’s attorney, Brian Fahling, filed a 34-page letter with the university appealing Rolovich’s firing in November. That appeal was denied. At the time of his firing, Rolovich was working under a five-year contract, on which three seasons remained. He was paid \$3.2 million per year, the highest public salary in the state.

Ohtani matches Ruth milestone



Another home run, another pitching win, another spot in the history books. Just another night for Shohei Ohtani. The two-way sensation from Japan pitched six scoreless innings to go with his team-leading 25th home run, reaching yet another monumental milestone as the Angels beat the A’s 5-1 on Tuesday in Oakland, California. Ohtani joined Babe Ruth (1918) as the only players in major league history to have at least 10 home runs and 10 wins in the same season. According to the Angels, two players from the Negro Leagues also did it: Bullet Rogan of the 1922 Kansas City Monarchs and Ed Rile of the 1927 Detroit Stars. “I feel like every time we’re out there he does something special,” Angels interim manager Phil Nevin said. “You try not to take for granted what we’re seeing every night but it’s pretty awesome to be a part of.” Ohtani, the reigning American League MVP, also moved past Ichiro Suzuki for the second-most home runs (118) by a Japanese-born player. Hideki Matsui had 175. On the mound, Ohtani (10-7) had five strikeouts, allowed four hits and retired seven of his final eight batters. —AP



49ers quarterback Trey Lance, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2021 NFL draft, made only two starts last year. Lance, above, takes over this season as the team’s top QB after the 49ers decided to allow veteran Jimmy Garoppolo to seek a trade. **JEFF CHIU/AP**

NFL

No longer pass or fail

QB’s in heralded ’21 class look to excel in year two

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The performance didn’t come close to matching the hype for the 2021 quarterback class. With QBs going 1-2-3 for third time ever in the common draft era and five going off the board in the first round for the fourth time, expectations were high for Trevor Lawrence and Co. But whether it was from lack of opportunity, lack of support or normal rookie struggles, the six rookie quarterbacks who made multiple starts last season were mostly underwhelming with the exception of the Patriots’ Mac Jones and Texans’ Davis Mills. Now headed into year two with all six — Lawrence (Jaguars), Zach Wilson (Jets), Trey Lance (49ers), Justin Fields (Bears), Jones and Mills — projected as starters, the class has the opportunity to live up to the billing. Here’s a look at the six QBs who started multiple games last season as rookies as they head into year two:

Trevor Lawrence (Jaguars)

Lawrence entered the NFL as the most heralded QB prospect since the Colts drafted Andrew Luck in 2012 with the No. 1 pick. The results weren’t there as a rookie as he played on perhaps the NFL’s most dysfunctional franchise. Lawrence struggled at times in 2021, finishing with 12 TD passes and 17 interceptions while going 3-14 as a starter. He fumbled nine times, was

plagued by drops (33) and hampered by sacks (32), steady pressure and a porous defense that had him playing from behind early and often. “I had a lot of turnovers last year,” said Lawrence, who’s looking forward to this season under new coach Doug Pederson. “Finding that balance of being myself and making plays, but also being smart and putting our team in the best situation to win. I think that’s important.”

Zach Wilson (Jets)

Wilson had a rough go of it as a rookie as he struggled to make the adjustment from playing behind a stacked offensive line at BYU to an offense with many holes on the Jets. Wilson ranked last among qualifying QBs in passer rating (69.7) and completion rate (55.6%), but feels both will improve with increased comfort level. “When you understand where to go with the ball and you have that confidence and understanding within the offense, you’re able to be accurate because you’re confident where you’re going with the ball,” Wilson said.

Trey Lance (49ers)

Lance got by far the least time as a rookie among last year’s first-round picks, starting just two games when starter Jimmy Garoppolo was hurt. But the 49ers have no hesitation turning the offense to the unproven Lance, who brings a new element to their offense with his running ability and the arm to stretch the field. Lance also has the most advantageous situation among the second-year QBs with a loaded roster that has almost all the key pieces back from a team that went to the NFC title game last season.

“Last year, I was definitely in a different spot mentally,” Lance said. “Feeling a lot more confident this year, knowing what I’m doing, knowing the offense a lot better, knowing the guys a lot better. ... I think it’ll be a great thing.”

Justin Fields (Bears)

Fields went from a loaded college team at Ohio State to an NFL team that was deficient on the offensive line, receiver and scheme. The results reflected that as Fields completed only 58.9% of his passes with a 73.2 rating. But he believes the struggles were a teaching tool and he can build on that this year under a new staff led by coach Matt Eberflus, who’s using a more QB-friendly system.

Mac Jones (Patriots)

The rookie with the most success last season was the one picked fifth among the first-rounders. It didn’t hurt that he stepped into the most stable situation with a solid roster and strong coaching staff led by Bill Belichick and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels. McDaniels is gone and Jones is ready to carry a much bigger load offensively.

Davis Mills (Texans)

Mills was a pleasant surprise as a rookie after being taken in the third round. He took over the starting job in Week 3 and showed some promise in 11 starts on an overmatched Texans team. He had 11 TD passes and just three interceptions over his final six starts, including back-to-back December wins over the Jaguars and Chargers.

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TENNIS

Serena’s call rings true for women

By Jocelyn Noveck | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams said it plainly: It isn’t really fair. A male athlete would never have to make the same choice. But after a trailblazing career that both transformed and transcended her sport, Williams, who turns 41 next month, has told the world she’ll soon step away from tennis to focus on having a second child and making her daughter, Olympia, a big sister. Her explanation in a lengthy Vogue essay resonated with women in sports and well beyond, many of whom could relate only too well to her words, “Something’s got to give.” And to the idea that, no, you really can’t have it all — at least, not all at the same time. Many noted that Williams’ achievements, which included winning a major when two months pregnant, had made her seem superhuman. But, said Sherie Randolph, even ordinary women are expected to seamlessly combine work and motherhood. “Society makes women think they can have everything all at once — be the best hands-on-mom and at the top of the field,” said Randolph, a history professor at Georgia Tech and founder of a Black feminist think tank who’s working on a book about African American mothers. “But that just is not borne out in reality for most women,” she said. “What ends up happening is that working mothers are worn out and overworked trying to labor at the highest level of two demanding jobs — motherhood and their profession.” As if to prove her point, Randolph’s 4-year-old son constantly interrupted her thoughts about Williams’ decision as she tried to discuss them in a call. In explaining how her daughter yearned to be a big sister, Williams noted she didn’t want to be pregnant again as an athlete: “I need to be two feet into tennis or two feet out.” “Believe me,” the 23-time Grand Slam champion also wrote, “I never wanted to have to choose between tennis and a family. I don’t think it’s fair. If I were a guy I wouldn’t be writing this because I’d be out there playing and winning while my wife was doing the physical labor of expanding our family.” “Maybe I’d be more of a Tom Brady if I had that opportunity,” she added, a reference to the 45-year-old superstar quarterback who recently retired, then reversed his decision 40 days later. Many women in sports, discussing Williams’ announcement, reflected on their own agonizing choices in the name of “having it all.” “Having it all is a subjective thing,” said Lisa Banks, a prominent Washington employment attorney specializing in both gender and sports cases. “You can have it all, but can you have it at the same time and same level, if you’re going through pregnancies? No, you miss some time, you miss training. You’re necessarily at a disadvantage.” The issue has been illustrated vividly in track and field. U.S. sprinters Allyson Felix and Alysia Montano became advocates for mothers when they split with Nike over contract clauses that reduced salaries when they became pregnant. Four-time Olympic champion sprinter Sanya Richards-Ross retired after the 2016 Olympics before starting a family with her husband, former NFL defensive back Aaron Ross. “I always knew I didn’t want to start a family while I was still competing,” she said. “I feel being an athlete is the most selfish role you could have because it’s always all about you. Resting, recovering, training. Everything is so hyper-focused on the athlete. And being a parent is the opposite of that.” Of Williams’ decision, she said, “I don’t want to say it’s unfair, but it’s a harsh reality and harsh truth that as an elite female athlete, we definitely have to consider a lot of things our male counterparts don’t.” Distance runner Kara Goucher, who also fought battles over pregnancy pay, said people are starting to acknowledge the issue, and careers are lasting longer. But she added: “You see the dad at the Super Bowl holding his kids. The reason he’s able to do that ... is because someone else is there taking care of their children. That’s not how it is for mothers.” Like Williams when she won the Australian Open in 2017, beach volleyball player Kerri Walsh Jennings was newly pregnant when she won a gold medal in London in 2012. “I think at some point, you gotta make that choice,” she said. “Ultimately it’s very clear that that clock is ticking. Usually, being a mama wins out.” Tennis legend Chris Evert, who won 18 Grand Slam singles titles, retired at 34 and started a family two years later. “The motherhood/tennis career subject is not one I experienced,” she said in an email message. “I wanted and chose to spend every second with my children. That was my choice but doesn’t mean it’s the right choice for everyone.” “As far as Serena, I think this is the right time,” Evert said. “She’s squeezed everything she could out of her game. ... She’s transcended tennis and become a leader on many important cultural, social and gender issues. She has lived an extraordinary life and will undoubtedly continue to crash the glass ceiling.”

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BUSINESS

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US shoppers see a slight dip from sky-high prices

July consumer figures raise economists' hope that inflation may have peaked

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Falling prices for gas, airline tickets and clothes helped give Americans a slight break from the pain of high inflation last month, though overall price increases slowed only modestly from a four-decade high that was reached in June.

Consumer prices jumped 8.5% in July compared with a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, down from a 9.1% year-over-year increase in June. On a monthly basis, prices were unchanged from June to July, the smallest such rise in more than two years.

Much of the relief last month was felt by travelers: Hotel room costs fell 2.7% from June to July, airfares nearly 8% and rental car prices 9.5%. Those price declines followed steep increases in the past year after COVID-19 cases eased and travel rebounded.

Airfares are still nearly 30% higher than they were a year ago.

Last month's declines in travel-related prices helped lower so-called core inflation, a measure that excludes the food and energy categories to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation. Core prices rose just 0.3% from June, the smallest month-to-month increase since March. And compared with a year ago, core inflation amounted to 5.9% in July, the same year-over-year increase as in June.

The July figures raised hope that inflation may have peaked after more than a year of increases that have strained household finances, soured Americans on the economy, led the Federal Reserve to raise borrowing rates and diminished President Joe Biden's public approval ratings.

Still, core prices have slowed in the recent past only to re-accelerate in subsequent months. And even if inflation continues to weaken, it is a long way from the Fed's 2% annual target.

"There's good reason to think inflation will continue to slow," said Michael Pugliese, an economist at Wells Fargo. "What I think gets lost in that discussion

is, slow by how much?"

Even if consumer inflation were to slow to 4% — less than half its current level — Pugliese suggested that it would still likely cause the Fed to keep raising rates.

Americans are still absorbing bigger price increases than they have in decades. Grocery prices jumped 1.1% in July and are 13% higher than a year ago, the largest year-over-year increase since 1979. Bread prices leapt 2.8% last month, the most in more than two years. Rental and medical care costs rose, though slightly less than in previous months.

Wednesday's report increased hope that the modest slowdown in inflation might enable the Fed to slow the pace of its increases in short-term rates when it meets in late September — and sent stock prices jumping.

Biden has pointed to declining gas prices as a sign that his policies, including large releases of oil from the nation's strategic reserve, are helping lessen the higher costs that have hurt household finances, particularly for lower-income Americans.

Snapchat introduces parental controls

By Kalley Huang
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Snapchat, the ephemeral messaging app, introduced its first parental controls, as social media platforms face increasing scrutiny for exposing young users to potentially harmful content.

Snap, Snapchat's parent company, said in a blog post this week that its new tools would let parents see whom their teenagers were friends with on the app and whom they had communicated with in the previous seven days.

Parents will also be able to report accounts that their children are friends with if they violate Snapchat's policies. Parents will not be able to see their children's conversations on the app.

To gain access to the controls, people have to create Snapchat accounts and be friends with their children, who have to agree to the controls. The company said it would introduce additional features later, including one that lets parents see whom their children recently became friends with. Teenagers will also be able to notify their parents if they report accounts or content.

Snap, Instagram, TikTok and other social media companies have faced questions from lawmakers, regulators and activists over toxic content on their platforms that has led some young people to say the apps have worsened eating disorders and contributed to other mental health problems. Snap has also been criticized for how its app enables teenagers to buy drugs such as fentanyl.

These issues gained traction last year after a former Facebook employee released internal documents showing that some teenagers appeared to feel worse about themselves after using its products, such as Instagram.

In March, a group of state attorneys general asked Snap and TikTok to increase parental controls on their apps.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Ohio court OKs wind farm plan

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A company can proceed with plans to build what will be the first freshwater offshore wind-powered electric-generation facility in North America, in Lake Erie off the coast of Cleveland, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

At issue is the 2020 approval by the Ohio Power Siting Board of the project by Icebreaker Windpower, which proposed the six-turbine development about 10 miles north of Cleveland.

Residents of the Cleveland-area village of Bratenahl sued to stop the project, arguing the siting board didn't have enough evidence to determine the project's environmental impact. The court ruled 6-1 that the board had multiple studies before it that found a low impact on birds and bats.

Musk sells \$7B in Tesla shares

Elon Musk has sold nearly \$7 billion worth of shares in Tesla as the billionaire gets his finances in order ahead of his court battle with Twitter.

Musk disclosed in series of regulatory filings that he unloaded about 8 million shares of his company Tesla Inc. in recent days.

"In the (hopefully unlikely) event that Twitter forces this deal to close and some equity partners don't come through, it is important to avoid an emergency sale of Tesla stock," Musk tweeted late Tuesday.

Musk is by far the largest individual shareholder in Tesla and Twitter.

Musk countersued Twitter last week, accusing the company of fraud over his stalled \$44 billion acquisition.



A volunteer shovels dirt and debris last Friday in downtown Fleming-Neon, Ky, after recent flooding in the region. BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Ky. town's cooperative spirit

Post-flood cleanup starts for municipality that was built and thrived on coal industry

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press

FLEMING-NEON, Ky. — Barely a week after floodwaters swept downtown and left a foot of mud and twisted, gutted buildings along Main Street, an incongruous sight appeared: a flashing sign declaring JR's Barber Shop "OPEN."

As National Guard troops patrolled outside and volunteers mounded up debris, J.R. Collins stood behind his barber chair, giving a touch-up to one of his regulars. Like most in Fleming-Neon, Collins comes from a family built on mining — both his grandfathers worked in coal — and he has stayed in the close-knit town even as the industry shrank and others fled. Those who remain are determined to prove their community is about more than coal.

And they've come together to make sure Collins' barber shop and other businesses reopen.

"They were there with shovels and squeegees and water, and people packing,

and kids helping," Collins said above the din of air conditioning and a dehumidifier. "It's good, hardworking people that like to help people out and got each other's back."

Fleming-Neon was once two towns: Fleming, a company town founded in the early 1900s by the Elkhorn Coal Corp. for the sole purpose of mining, and Neon, a former logging camp.

Fleming was run by Elkhorn and named for one of its executives. The company issued its own money, and workers used it for rent on company-owned homes and goods at the company store or local businesses. Neon was independent, a free town where U.S. government greenbacks, not company scrip, were legal tender — but it thrived off the glow of coal nearby.

Fleming and Neon prospered along with the company and industry during the boom years of the 20th century.

"We had department stores, we had grocery stores, we had restaurants, we had dry cleaners. We had a theater," said Susan Polis, Fleming-Neon's 73-year-old mayor.

But as the mines mechanized, the population shrank in both places. In the late 1970s, the former rival towns merged under one government in an effort to pool resources, but the bleeding continued.

Today, only about 500 people remain. And on July 28, the waters of Wright Fork rose, threatening further devastation for this valley of people who long extracted riches from the earth. But there's a spark in Fleming-Neon that, so far, has refused to be extinguished.

A multipurpose center was to open in a former car dealership about two weeks after the storm hit. Jeff Hawkins, a long-time educator who's lived here since he was a teenager, said the project, dubbed Neon Lights, would include a performing arts studio, an internet cafe, event space, and an innovation incubator.

"We wanted a space for kids to be able to do physical activity, to dance, to sing, whatever it may be," he said.

That dream is not dead, just deferred. For now, the cleaned-up space serves as an emergency supply distribution center.

The rains came again this past weekend, prompting a brief evacuation Friday evening. But while some dreaded it, Emory Lee Mullins chose to see it as a blessing.

"It's washing it off pretty good," Mullins said, using a push broom to sweep the last of the creek silt into the gutter outside his flower shop. "Every little sweep gets it, don't it?"

Domino's bows out of pizza market in Italy

By Elisabetta Povoledo
The New York Times

ROME — It turns out that Italians don't necessarily like pineapple on their pizza, after all. Or at least not enough to keep nearly three dozen Domino's Pizza franchises afloat.

Last month, the Italian outlets of the American pizza conglomerate extinguished their pizza ovens, unable to win over picky palates in the place where pizza was invented.

Bloomberg reported this week and court documents show that Domino's Italian franchisee had "sought protection from creditors" earlier this year "after running out of cash and falling behind on its debt

obligations."

Bloomberg said Tuesday that the company had \$10.8 million of debt at the end of 2020. The closure ended a business venture that had aimed to tantalize Italians looking to try something new, like cheeseburger pizza or BBQ chicken pizza.

Domino's Pizza Italia opened its first outlet in Milan in 2015, via a franchising agreement with a local company, ePizza.

In a legal filing in Milan in April, lawyers for ePizza said that the company had been optimistic about entering the Italian market in 2015, "the second largest market in the world" of pizza eaters, after the United States. At the time, too, Italy didn't have a structured, large-scale, home delivery model like the Domino's Pizza model.

Two years ago, media reports relayed the Italian company's plans to open 850 stores over the next decade, with the aim of claiming a 2% stake of the national pizza market.

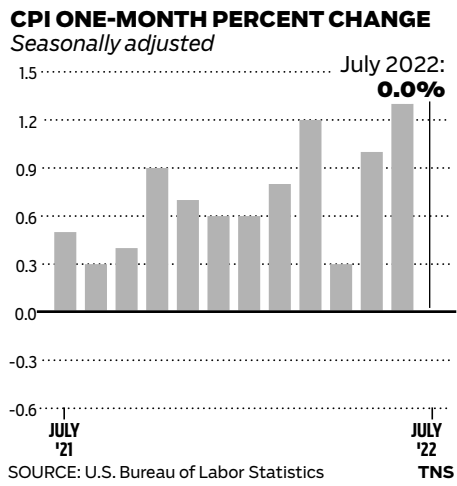
By 2021, 34 restaurants bore the Domino's brand. And a representative for Domino's Pizza Italia had cheered the opening of the fifth restaurant in Rome, suggesting that Italians had been open to American-style pizza.

But the coronavirus pandemic changed everything.

With restaurants and bars closed for long stretches of time during lockdowns, many began to adopt the takeout and home delivery model that Domino's Pizza had sought to dominate Italy with, increasing competition for the company.

Consumer Price Index

In July, the consumer price index was unchanged after rising 1.3 percent in June



BUSINESS



A man walks past a house that was abandoned after it was inundated by water due to the rising sea level in Sidogemah, on the Indonesian island of Java. DITA ALANGKARA/AP 2021

Study: Worsening of diseases connected to climate hazards

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

Climate hazards such as flooding, heat waves and drought have worsened more than half of the hundreds of known infectious diseases in people, including malaria, hantavirus, cholera and anthrax, a study says.

Researchers looked through the medical literature of established cases of illnesses and found that 218 out of the known 375 human infectious diseases, or 58%, seemed to be made worse by one of 10 types of extreme weather connected to climate change, according to a study in Monday's journal Nature Climate Change.

Doctors have long connected disease to weather, but this study shows how widespread the influence of climate is on human health.

"If climate is changing, the risks of these diseases are changing," said study co-author Dr. Jonathan Patz, director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Doctors such as Patz said they need to think of the

diseases as symptoms of a sick Earth.

"The findings of this study are terrifying and illustrate well the enormous consequences of climate change on human pathogens," said Dr. Carlos del Rio, an Emory University infectious disease specialist, who was not part of the study. "Those of us in infectious diseases and microbiology need to make climate change one of our priorities."

In addition to looking at infectious diseases, the researchers expanded their search to look at all types of human illnesses, including noninfectious sicknesses such as asthma, allergies and even animal bites to see how many maladies they could connect to climate hazards in some way, including infectious diseases. They found a total of 286 unique sicknesses and of those, 223 seemed to be worsened by climate hazards.

Longtime climate and public health expert Kristie Ebi at the University of Washington cautioned that she had concerns with how the conclusions were drawn and some of the methods in

the study. It is an established fact that the burning of coal, oil and natural gas has led to more frequent and intense extreme weather, and research has shown that weather patterns are associated with many health issues, she said.

"However, correlation is not causation," Ebi said in an email. "The authors did not discuss the extent to which the climate hazards reviewed changed over the time period of the study and the extent to which any changes have been attributed to climate change."

But Dr. Aaron Bernstein, interim director of the Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment at Harvard School of Public Health, Emory's del Rio and three other outside experts said the study is a good warning about climate and health for now and the future. Especially as global warming and habitat loss push animals and their diseases closer to humans, Bernstein said.

"This study underscores how climate change may load the dice to favor unwelcome infectious surprises," Bernstein said in an email.

Attractiveness of franchises working for 'quasi-preneurs'

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In 2020, Kelly Jackson and Davina Arceneaux wanted to leave their company jobs and become business owners. They were looking for something both COVID-19-proof and recession-resistant.

Instead of completely stepping out from under a corporate umbrella, they looked at franchising.

The two worried about the notoriously tight margins for restaurants. They looked at a drug testing franchise, but the initial investment was too steep.

A mentor told them about Motto Mortgage Home Services, and Jackson and Arceneaux opened one in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, in July of 2020 with an initial investment of \$35,000.

"People always need new places to live and are always buying and selling houses," Jackson said.

He takes rising interest rates in stride.

"Interest rates move up and down, that's what they do, that's part of the industry," he said.

Jackson and Arceneaux, who had been a senior IT program and project manager and an assistant director of catering, respectively, had no experience with mortgages, but Motto Mortgage provided training and support.

"You don't necessarily need experience in that industry in order to go into that category, the brand will train you," said Matt Haller, president and CEO of the International Franchise Association.

In the months after the pandemic hit, many people with corporate jobs decided to strike out on their own, in what's referred to as the "Great Resignation."

They looked for alterna-



Davina Arceneaux, left, and Kelly Jackson opened a Motto Mortgage franchise in 2020 in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, after considering other options. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

tives, including opening up a franchise with an established brand.

The "quasi-preneurs" opening franchises say they like the ability to buy into a proven brand name and the access to tools and operations that you wouldn't get if you started your own small business.

But franchising has plenty of challenges too.

There are a lot of rules and regulations to abide by. Contracts are lengthy and can be difficult to terminate.

The number of U.S. franchises grew an estimated 3% in 2021 to 774,965 after a dip in 2020, according to IFA. Those include big franchises like McDonald's or 7-Eleven, but all types of businesses can be franchised, from pool cleaners to barbershops.

There are about 3,000 franchisor brands in the U.S. The IFA predicts franchises in the U.S. will grow 2% to 792,014 this year. That's still just a fraction of the 32.5 million total small businesses in the U.S.

Franchise owners buy in with an initial fee — anywhere from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars — to get their business, and then pay a monthly royalty percentage. In return, they get use of the brand name and marketing, and other

support.

However, getting used to a franchise structure can be an adjustment. When Chris Dordell and his husband, Jason Fenske, decided to leave their jobs at Wells Fargo and Salesforce and open two Club Pilates in 2018 and a YogaSix studio in 2020, in and around Palm Springs, California, they appreciated the playbook provided by the franchisor, Xponential.

"It was appealing at this stage after being in corporate jobs for 20-plus years that we could plug into an existing model," Dordell said.

But Dordell said following the corporate rulebook took some adjusting to. There were some costs incurred while building the franchises that could have been cut, but "in keeping the consistency across the company, we were required to follow the model."

As with any business venture, franchisees need to be aware of what they're getting themselves into.

Mario Herman, a lawyer based in Washington that focuses on franchise litigation, said it's important for potential franchisees to go over the contracts carefully to make sure nothing is being obscured like previous bankruptcies or a lack of profitability.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, August 11, 2022

▲ **DOW**
33,309.51 +535.10

▲ **10-YR T-BOND**
2.79% +.01

▲ **GOLD**
\$1,795.60 +1.60

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 33,309.51
Change: 535.10 (1.6%)

10 DAYS

| Domestic Indexes | | | |
|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD |
| DOW Indus. | 33,309.51 | +535.10 | -8.34% |
| DOW Trans. | 14,975.07 | +449.40 | -9.12% |
| DOW Util. | 1,027.65 | +4.24 | +4.78% |
| NYSE Comp. | 15,552.70 | +287.91 | -9.39% |
| Nasdaq Comp. | 12,854.80 | +360.88 | -17.83% |
| S&P 500 | 4,210.24 | +87.77 | -11.66% |
| S&P 400 | 2,560.47 | +62.35 | -9.91% |
| Wilshire 5000 | 42,155.08 | +959.47 | -13.01% |
| Russell 2000 | 1,969.25 | +56.36 | -12.30% |

Commodities

| | CLOSE | PREV. | YTD |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| FUELS | | | |
| Crude Oil (bbl) | 91.93 | 90.50 | +22.23% |
| Natural Gas (mm btu) | 8.20 | 7.83 | +119.89% |
| Unleaded Gas (gal) | 3.07 | 2.96 | +37.79% |
| METALS | | | |
| Gold (oz) | 1,795.60 | 1,794.00 | -1.75% |
| Silver (oz) | 20.72 | 20.46 | -11.19% |

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

| Foreign Exchange | | | Money Rates | | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| | ForEx in U.S. \$ | U.S. \$ in ForEx | | CLOSE | PREV. WK. |
| Britain | 1.2225 | .8180 | Prime rate | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| Canada | .7825 | 1.2780 | 3-mo. T-Bill | 2.61 | 2.49 |
| China | .1487 | 6.7237 | 6-mo. T-Bill | 3.10 | 2.97 |
| Euro | 1.0304 | .9705 | 5-yr T-Note | 2.93 | 2.86 |
| Japan | .007525 | 132.89 | 10-yr T-Note | 2.79 | 2.74 |
| Mexico | .049926 | 20.0296 | 30-yr T-Bond | 3.03 | 2.97 |

| Global Markets | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | CLOSE | CHG. | %CHG. | %YTD |
| Frankfurt | 13,700.93 | +165.96 | +1.23% | -13.75% |
| London | 7,507.11 | +18.96 | +0.25% | +1.66% |
| Hong Kong | 19,610.84 | -392.60 | -1.96% | -16.18% |
| Nikkei | 27,819.33 | -180.63 | -.65% | -3.38% |

| Stocks of Local Interest | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|----------|--|------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|--|
| STOCK (TICKER) | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD %CHG | | STOCK (TICKER) | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD %CHG | |
| AMC Entertainment A (AMC) | 23.67 | +1.22 | -13.0 | | Marathon Digital Hld (MARA) | 16.36 | +2.25 | -67.9 | |
| AT&T Inc (T) | 18.01 | -.09 | -26.8 | | Meta Platforms Inc (META) | 178.34 | +9.81 | -47.0 | |
| Adv Micro Dev (AMD) | 99.05 | +3.51 | -31.2 | | MetLife Inc (MET) | 65.93 | +2.03 | +5.5 | |
| Alphabet Inc A (GOOGL) | 119.70 | +3.07 | -17.4 | | Mullen Automotive (MULN) | .81 | +.02 | -84.5 | |
| Amazon.com Inc (AMZN) | 142.69 | +4.86 | -14.4 | | Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH) | 13.56 | +1.46 | -34.6 | |
| American Airlines Gp (AAL) | 15.07 | +.45 | -16.1 | | Novartis AG (NVS) | 87.43 | +.28 | ... | |
| Amphenol Corp (APH) | 78.33 | +1.95 | -10.4 | | Nvidia Corporation (NVDA) | 180.97 | +10.11 | -38.5 | |
| Apple Inc (AAPL) | 169.24 | +4.32 | -.47 | | Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS) | 79.90 | +1.04 | -8.2 | |
| Avangrid Inc (AGR) | 49.91 | +.13 | +.1 | | Palantir Technol (PLTR) | 9.59 | +.34 | -47.3 | |
| Bank of America (BAC) | 35.07 | +1.15 | -21.2 | | Pfizer Inc (PFE) | 49.95 | +.17 | -15.4 | |
| Barnes Group (B) | 34.47 | +1.16 | -26.0 | | Pitney Bowes (PBI) | 3.25 | +.09 | -51.0 | |
| Bed Bath &Beynd (BBBY) | 10.51 | +.72 | -27.9 | | Plug Power Inc (PLUG) | 28.78 | +4.11 | +1.9 | |
| Biora Therapeutics (BIOR) | 1.01 | +.24 | -51.7 | | Prudential Fncl (PRU) | 101.65 | +3.07 | -.61 | |
| Booking Holdings (BKNG) | 2023.69 | +66.48 | -15.7 | | Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG) | 66.59 | +.56 | -.2 | |
| Brist Myr Sqb (BMY) | 74.86 | -.10 | +20.1 | | Quanergy Systems Inc (QNGY) | .41 | +.08 | -95.9 | |
| CVS Health Corp (CVS) | 104.05 | +.36 | +.9 | | Raytheon Technolog (RTX) | 93.42 | +1.48 | +8.6 | |
| Carnival Corp (CCL) | 10.34 | +.87 | -48.0 | | Redbox Entertainment (RDBX) | 1.65 | -1.85 | -77.7 | |
| Carrier Global Corp (CARR) | 42.86 | +1.10 | -21.6 | | Rogers Corp (ROG) | 268.00 | +1.78 | -1.8 | |
| Charter Communic (CHTR) | 462.69 | +10.19 | -29.0 | | Roblox Corp (RBLX) | 48.01 | +.66 | -53.5 | |
| Cigna Corp (CI) | 287.07 | +2.03 | +25.0 | | SS&C Technologies (SSNC) | 62.39 | +1.82 | -23.9 | |
| Citigroup (C) | 53.19 | +1.10 | -11.9 | | Shopify Inc (SHOP) | 40.61 | +3.86 | ... | |
| Comcast Corp A (CMCSA) | 38.96 | +.80 | -22.6 | | Snap Inc A (SNAP) | 10.57 | +.41 | -77.5 | |
| Disney (DIS) | 112.43 | +4.30 | -27.4 | | SoFi Technologies (SOFI) | 7.81 | +.42 | -50.6 | |
| EMCOR Group Inc (EME) | 117.43 | +2.38 | -.78 | | Stanley Black & Deck (SWK) | 94.93 | +3.23 | -49.7 | |
| Endo Intl plc (ENDP) | .43 | +.03 | -88.5 | | Starwood Prop Trust (STWD) | 23.94 | +.18 | -1.5 | |
| Ethan Allen (ETD) | 25.98 | +.95 | -.12 | | Terex Corp (TEX) | 36.62 | +2.17 | -16.7 | |
| Euro Tech Holdings (CLWT) | 2.02 | +.56 | -5.0 | | Tesla Inc (TSLA) | 883.07 | +33.07 | -16.4 | |
| Eversource Energy (ES) | 91.65 | +.02 | +.7 | | Timber Pharmaceutical (TMBR) | .11 | +.00 | -71.6 | |
| Fiofem Biosciences (EVFM) | .48 | -.15 | -91.5 | | Trede Desk Inc Cl A (TTD) | 74.24 | +19.74 | -19.0 | |
| Ford Motor (F) | 15.50 | +.46 | -25.4 | | Travelers Cos (TRV) | 165.01 | +2.09 | +5.5 | |
| FuelCell Energy (FCEL) | 4.89 | +.63 | -6.0 | | T2 Biosystems (TTOO) | .16 | +.04 | -69.4 | |
| Gen Dynamics (GD) | 230.46 | +2.84 | +10.5 | | Uber Technologies (UBER) | 32.80 | +1.74 | -21.8 | |
| Gen Electric (GE) | 77.14 | +2.21 | -18.3 | | United Rentals (URI) | 327.95 | +8.06 | -1.3 | |
| Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA) | 3.13 | ... | -62.3 | | UnitedHealth Group (UNH) | 537.72 | +.46 | +7.1 | |
| Hartford Fn Sv (HIG) | 66.82 | +1.06 | -.32 | | Virtus Invest (VRTS) | 211.60 | +7.33 | -28.8 | |
| Honeywell Intl (HON) | 197.23 | +3.14 | -5.4 | | Voya Financial (VOYA) | 61.96 | +.95 | -6.6 | |
| Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN) | 13.60 | +.23 | -14.6 | | Warner Bros Disc A (WBD) | 13.10 | ... | -46.9 | |
| Infosys Ltd (INFY) | 20.38 | +.20 | -19.5 | | Webster Financial (WBS) | 48.04 | +1.73 | -14.0 | |
| Intel Corp (INTC) | 35.37 | +.85 | -31.3 | | White Mtns Insur (WTM) | 1247.40 | -14.55 | +23.0 | |
| Invitae Corp (NVTA) | 8.63 | +6.34 | -43.5 | | World Wrestling Ent (WWE) | 72.21 | +.08 | +46.4 | |
| Kaman (KAMN) | 33.23 | +1.29 | -23.0 | | XPO Logistics Inc (XPO) | 57.14 | +2.06 | -26.2 | |
| Keycorp (KEY) | 18.87 | +.76 | -18.4 | | Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX) | 18.11 | +.54 | -20.0 | |
| Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC) | 48.41 | +1.59 | -29.1 | | | | | | |
| M&T Bank (MTB) | 184.82 | +4.90 | +20.3 | | | | | | |
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People onboard the Magic, the largest sailboat in the nonprofit Soothe Our Souls fleet, do yoga with the help of a volunteer in July. ANGELICA EDWARDS/TAMPA BAY TIMES PHOTOS

Soothing by SAILING

Free boat rides offer wellness and freedom to souls in need of calm

By Chris Kuo
Tampa Bay Times

When captain Dan Peretz found out his best friend, Art Nicholson, had been diagnosed with brain cancer in 2011, the two did what they had always done. They went out for a sail.

They took Peretz's 41-foot yacht, the Phoenix. It was the same boat Peretz and Nicholson had sailed on for three decades, the boat where Nicholson and his wife, Nina, had exchanged their vows in 1977 and spent their honeymoon.

Art used to run 7 miles on the beach every morning and race Olympic-class catamarans. Now his speech slurred, and he needed Nina and Peretz to prop him up as he walked onto the boat.

As they sailed into Boca Ciega Bay, Peretz placed his friend's hands on the steering wheel, and a big smile spread across Art's face.

"It was like, all of a sudden, he was his old self," Nina said.

He died a couple months later at 63. But in 2012, after seeing how the sail put him at ease, Peretz, Nina and a couple other friends founded Soothe Our Souls, a nonprofit that provides free sailboat rides for "seriously health challenged" people and their caretakers.

Over the past decade, the group has organized more than 100 trips for thousands of guests, adopting an expansive definition of "seriously health challenged." They've hosted survivors of domestic abuse, people who lost loved ones and those trying to overcome drug or alcohol addiction — anyone who might benefit from a morning on

the water.

"You can see the stress melting away, a lot more smiles," Peretz said. "You don't completely forget, but you put it away to the side, what the person's dealing with."

Peretz, who owns Dolphin Landings Charter Boat Center in St. Pete Beach, provides the sailboats for the nonprofit. On the first Sunday of every month, he and a group of volunteers and guests launch into Boca Ciega Bay for a two-hour trip that includes sessions with volunteer wellness professionals on meditation, yoga, reflexology or nutrition.

For the 72-year-old captain, every ride carries memories of his old sailing partner.

"It's hard not to think of him, and it's not in a bad way or a sad way," Peretz said. "Sometimes I think to myself, 'Look at what you created, Art.'"

Born in Tampa, Peretz grew up in Riverview and attended the University of South Florida. He dropped out with one semester left and learned to sail by reading books.

His first sailboat was small, a 26-footer. In the 1970s, he and his wife started working at a coffee shop in a St. Pete Beach hotel and would go sailing after work.

When Peretz realized that people would pay for boat rides, he started doing sailing charters full time and opened Dolphin Landing in 1986.

Peretz acquired the Phoenix in 1976, around the time he met Art, who would often be sailing in an uber-fast Tornado catamaran. As a professional woodworker, Art helped refurbish Peretz's boats.



Every boat ride Dan Peretz takes with his "seriously health challenged" guests, he thinks of his late best friend.

The two started sailing together, venturing as far out as the Bahamas. They became inseparable.

Then one morning in 2011, Art passed out during a run and woke up lying on the sand. Soon after, Nina noticed him dragging his foot when he walked. A doctor said he had a glioblastoma, a malignant brain tumor. Art had about four months left to live.

"Part of you just doesn't believe that can happen to somebody that close to you or somebody that's as healthy as he was," Peretz said.

As Art's symptoms worsened, he became "zombie-like," Nina said. But on the water with his friends, he returned to his old self, grinning, carefree, at home in the wind and waves.

After he died, Nina and Peretz organized a sailboat ride for a friend with terminal pancreatic cancer and noticed the calming effect it had on her and on her friends, family and caretakers.

That's when Sooth Our Souls was born.

Peretz's charter business provided a natural base for the organization, which rapidly expanded as Art's friends spread the word.

After people sign up, a staff member from Dolphin Landings Charter Boat Center will ask about the applicant's background and explain the mobility requirements to ensure guests can board a boat.

If the weather's nice, one trip might draw a dozen volunteers and 30 guests ranging from children to

retirees, said Beth Cole, a volunteer who teaches yoga for Soothe Our Souls.

Peretz had to put the rides on hold during the pandemic, but they have started to bounce back.

On a Sunday morning in early July, Peretz hopped around the 51-foot Magic, hoisting sails and guiding the boat into the bay. Nine guests and a handful of volunteers crouched in their seats, bathed in wind and sun. Behind the Magic, the Phoenix and the Fantasea rolled over the waves with another dozen guests.

Cole led the group in a breathing exercise, and everyone closed their eyes. They heard waves lapping against the hull and the occasional caw of a seagull.

Maureen Boland, 53, has been a Soothe Our Souls regular since 2015. Her husband is a volunteer. For Boland, who has viral meningencephalitis and has difficulty walking and speaking, sailing is about freedom.

"I get a break from the (wheel) chair," she said. "Sometimes you can just sit and just be quiet. It's just a way to reset yourself."

Boland and the other guests took turns at the helm, gripping the large metal wheel to guide the Magic. Peretz stood next to them, his blue visor tucked over a shock of silver hair, at times yelling out if they needed to correct course.

But mostly he watched. He saw them smile and thought of his friend Art.

'Good stress' helps mind to deal with tough, chaotic times

HealthDay News

A tight deadline at work. A tough exam at school. A big vacation that requires tons of planning. A home repair that's gone awry.

These sources of stress are anything but pleasant, but a new study suggests that they might actually be good for your mental health in the long run.

Low to moderate amounts of daily stress can prepare the mind to deal with tougher and more

chaotic times, much as a vaccine protects a person against future infection, said lead researcher Assaf Oshri, an associate professor with the University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"Some low to moderate level of perceived stress is associated with increased cognitive functioning or better cognitive functioning, and this cognitive functioning was associated with significantly less emotional problems and antisocial

behavior problems," Oshri said.

Oshri and his colleagues analyzed data from more than 1,200 young adults by the Human Connectome Project, a project funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health intended to provide insight into how the human brain functions.

The young adults reported their perceived stress levels, and also took tests designed to assess their brain function.

The researchers then

compared those findings with participants' answers to questions about their anxiety, attention, aggression and other behavioral and emotional problems.

The investigators discovered there's a U-shaped curve when it comes to stress, where low and even moderate levels appear to be psychologically beneficial.

"Your body, your brain, your psychology, your neurological system, it's adapting to the stress,

right? You're exposed to some level of stress, and that creates or initiates some preparing mechanism, if you wish, some reorganization that will prepare you for future encounters with stress," Oshri said.

Daily stressors can help a person become more organized and efficient, and have a plan going forward, Oshri said.

The study was published in the journal Psychiatry Research.



DREAMSTIME

‘WE FELT SO RUDDERLESS’

A couple’s quest for son’s autism treatment hits repeated obstacles

By Michelle Andrews
Kaiser Health News

BRONXVILLE, N.Y. — When Sebastian Rios was a toddler, he hardly talked. “Don’t worry,” his pediatrician told Amparo and Victor Rios, Sebastian’s parents. Kids who grow up in households in which both Spanish and English are spoken are sometimes slower to develop language skills, she said.

But by the time Sebastian was a little over 2 years old, his skills weren’t keeping up with those of other kids his age: He spoke only simple words, like “mama” and “dada,” and had problems interacting with people, Amparo Rios said. He didn’t know how to play with other kids. He made eye contact less and less.

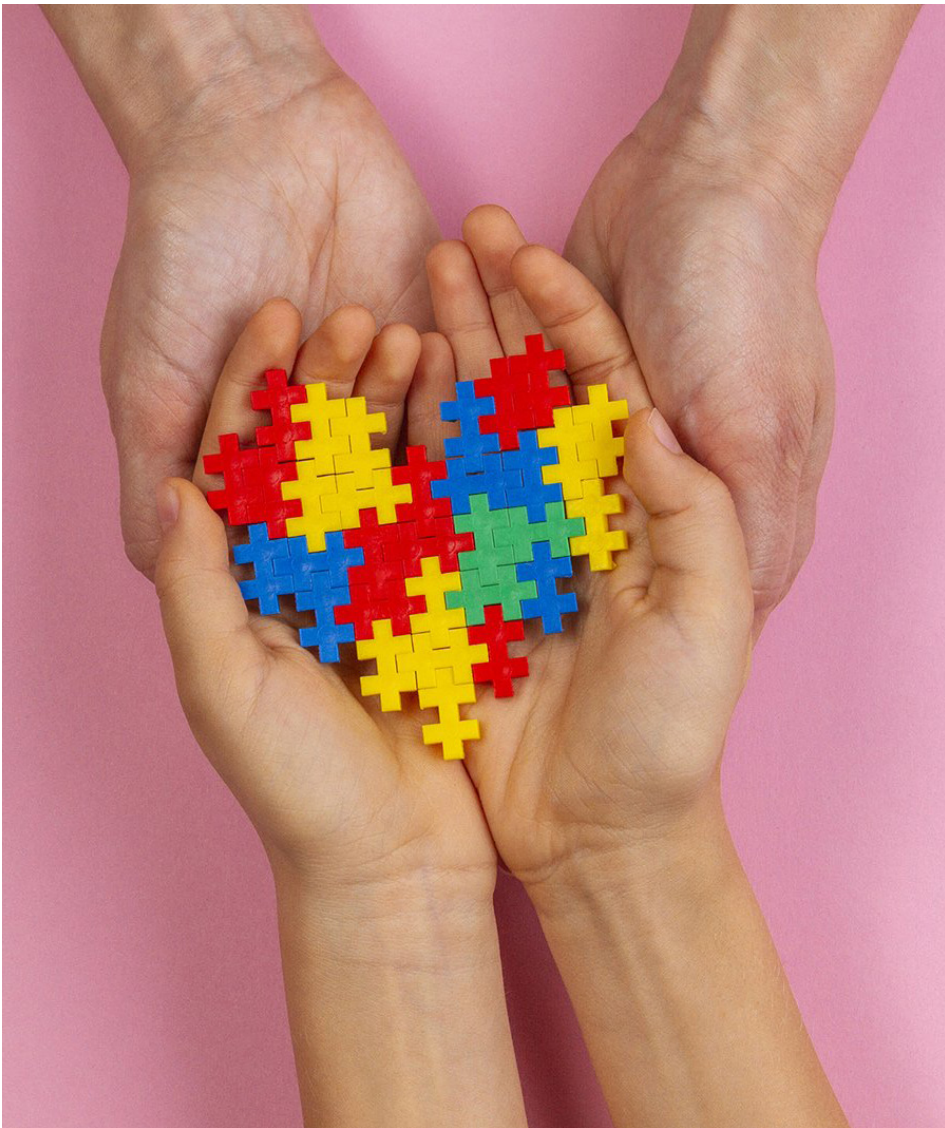
The Rioses worried their son might have autism but didn’t know how to get a diagnosis for his lagging skills or how to get help.

One in 44 children have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by age 8, according to federal estimates. It is a developmental disability that affects people’s social and communication skills and their behavior to varying degrees. About a third of children with autism have intellectual disabilities as well, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As awareness of the autism spectrum has grown, new diagnostic criteria that cover milder forms of the disability have helped draw attention to children like Sebastian who may benefit from ongoing treatment and need support to go to school.

Autism can’t be diagnosed with a blood test or scan. Instead, professionals rely on in-depth interviews with parents or caregivers about a child’s development, as well as evaluations of a child’s behavior during one-on-one sessions. Parents can wait months for appointments with a specialist.

“There are significant provider shortages, espe-



One in 44 children have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by age 8. **DREAMSTIME**

cially with the number of children who are diagnosed or suspected to have autism these days,” said Kelly Headrick, senior director of state government affairs and grassroots advocacy at Autism Speaks, a research and advocacy organization.

As a result, the Rioses discovered, getting a diagnosis and help can be a long, nerve-wracking and sometimes costly road.

Children aren’t diagnosed with autism, on average, until they are more than 4 years old, studies show. That means missed opportunities for intervention: Research shows that early treatment of autism leads to better outcomes.

The Rioses asked their pediatrician for help when their son was 2. The doctor

referred them to their school district, so Sebastian could be assessed for special education services. But he was too young for the district to help.

The Rioses learned that children under age 3 need to connect with services through the federally mandated early intervention program that requires states to provide services to children with developmental delays or disabilities.

The family waited more than three months for the battery of tests to be completed, and the gap between Sebastian’s development and that of other kids his age continued to widen. In addition to his language and social developmental delays, he struggled with imaginative play

and was intensely self-directed, focused completely on what he wanted to do when he wanted to do it.

Although the staff members of the early intervention program didn’t have the skills necessary to provide a diagnosis, they recommended Sebastian begin occupational therapy, speech therapy and applied behavior analysis, a widely used technique in which therapists work with children who have autism using positive reinforcement to achieve goals related to communication, learning and motor skills. For example, a therapist might encourage a child to play a game the therapist has chosen before playing the game the child prefers. If the child does so,

he might get praise or get something he values, like a toy or playground time.

The early intervention program paid for someone to go to the Rioses’ home six hours a week to do ABA therapy. But Amparo Rios said the therapist didn’t focus on Sebastian’s problem areas, such as transitioning from one activity to another without having a meltdown, so she wanted a different ABA therapist.

The Rioses had health coverage through Trustmark. But Sebastian needed a diagnosis of autism from a provider the insurer considered a qualified clinician before it would pay for ABA therapy — a diagnosis Sebastian still didn’t have at age 3. About this time, the Rioses noticed their son was “stimming,” shorthand for self-stimulating behavior, often repetitive movements or sounds that help comfort people with autism. In Sebastian’s case, he made grunting noises.

Since there is no single standardized test required to diagnose the condition, providers use different tools — some of which specific insurers will not accept.

The family took Sebastian to a neurologist for an exam, but she said she wasn’t sure he had autism. “We felt so rudderless,” Amparo said. “We didn’t know who to turn to to diagnose him or figure out what was wrong with him.”

Six months later, in September 2020, the family found a psychologist who specialized in autism spectrum disorders and was in their provider network. She tested Sebastian over three months. In May 2021 she diagnosed Sebastian, then 4, with Level 1 autism spectrum disorder, the least limiting form, and recommended he again begin ABA therapy.

The delay cost Sebastian. His stimming got worse, and he made eye contact with others less frequently. “We had very mixed feelings about the diagnosis,” said Amparo. “It was a relief that we had a

diagnosis we could rely on for medical care. But it was mixed because as parents we didn’t know what he would grow up to be.”

Two years after the Rioses noticed their son’s behaviors, they enrolled him in individual ABA therapy. It felt like the pieces were finally falling into place. Sebastian’s language skills were getting better because of speech therapy, but he was very self-directed and still not good at making eye contact. He sometimes wandered off on his own, and couldn’t use the bathroom by himself.

Trustmark confirmed that ABA therapy was covered, with a co-payment of \$25 per session.

It was tough for Sebastian at first, Amparo said, as he worked with a therapist to learn how to be less rigid and less focused on doing only what he wanted to do. But he got better at making eye contact and using the bathroom on his own.

The relief was short-lived.

In September, the Rioses got notices from the health plan administrator saying it wouldn’t pay for the therapy because it wasn’t medically necessary. Unfortunately, the therapist who had provided the diagnosis hadn’t screened Sebastian using the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, a highly regarded test.

Sebastian’s pediatrician sent a letter to the health plan explaining the need, and the ABA therapy provider sent clinical notes from Sebastian’s sessions.

It didn’t work. Trustmark refused to pay for the therapy, and in February the Rioses discontinued it. They’re facing more than \$11,000 for the sessions. Without therapy, their son’s progress is slipping, Amparo said. He’s stimming more and has been distracted and disruptive in his kindergarten class.

Trustmark declined to comment for this article.

“It’s just really frustrating” for parents, Amparo said, “but ultimately it’s very sad for my son.”

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Plant-based quercetin may be viable remedy for allergies

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: I started taking quercetin after reading that it could help with allergy symptoms. The product I took contained vitamin C, magnesium and bromelain in addition to quercetin. My most bothersome allergy symptom was post-nasal drip. It woke me up in the middle of the night. Taking quercetin stopped the drip and allowed me to sleep better.

A: Thanks for your interesting testimonial. Quercetin is a plant-derived flavonoid. It is found in a wide range of foods, including onions, apples, berries, tea and citrus fruits. A Japanese randomized controlled trial found that quercetin improved allergy symptoms, including eye itching, sneezing, runny nose and sleep problems, significantly better than placebo (European Review for Medical and Pharmacological Sciences, June 2022).

Q: Please address breakthrough bleeding for postmenopausal women. I experienced this December 2021 after my first Moderna booster in October. I had an ultrasound, a biopsy and a D&C (only after a pregnancy test — at age 74!). My gynecologist could not tell me why I was bleeding again. I just read that 66% of the postmenopausal women in a COVID-19 vaccine study experienced this. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not seem to appreciate that bleeding in a woman’s 70s would cause any female concern!

A: We can certainly understand why you were upset. Vaginal bleeding after



One reader found that the plant-derived flavonoid quercetin relieved allergy symptoms. **DREAMSTIME**

menopause can be a sign of a serious problem such as fibroids, or in a few cases, uterine cancer. You were right to ask the doctor to check you.

When COVID-19 started, nobody knew what effects the vaccine might have on menstruation. Scientists have since learned that vaccination can alter the cycle for a few months, without affecting fertility. (COVID-19 infections may have a more severe and persistent effect.) The study you cite was a web-based survey (Science Advances, July 15, 2022). While 66% of the postmenopausal people in the survey reported bleeding after vaccination, that does not represent the proportion of people receiving vaccines who shared your experience.

Researchers at Kaiser Permanente reviewed the medical records of nearly 500,000 women at least 55 years of age (American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, July 11, 2022). Prior to vaccination, 0.39% had postmenopausal bleeding. Afterward, 0.47% experienced this. The authors write: “However, in absolute numbers, the observed

increase represents fewer than 1 in 1,000 additional women diagnosed with bleeding after vaccination compared to before vaccination.”

Q: I have arthritis, and my insurance would not pay for the prescription my doctor wrote. When I asked my pharmacist for a supplement to help my symptoms, he suggested glucosamine sulfate plus chondroitin sulfate plus MSM. I took this twice a day and then as my pain eased, I went to one a day. I couldn’t believe how well it helped my symptoms.

A: Thank you for sharing your experience. We have heard from other readers who have also found these dietary supplements to be helpful for joint pain. A small randomized, controlled trial showed that the combination of glucosamine-chondroitin with MSM (methylsulfonylmethane) was better than placebo or GC alone (Acta Medica Indonesiana, April 2017).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Diagnosing and treating a rare skin disorder: morphea

Mayo Clinic

Q: About six months ago, a large, white dent appeared on my left buttock. I went to a dermatologist who performed a biopsy. I was diagnosed with morphea and prescribed methotrexate. The doctor said the condition is not systemic, but that the drug could prevent future skin lesions and possibly cure the morphea. Can you share more about the condition, and the risks and benefits of the treatment?

A: Morphea, which is a rare skin disorder, causes painless hardening and discoloration of the skin. In many cases, morphea affects only a few areas on the body. The condition usually goes away on its own within several years. In the meantime, treatment can keep symptoms in check.

When morphea first develops, most people have just one or two lesions, usually on the abdomen, chest or back. The lesions tend to be round areas of whitened and hardened skin, sometimes surrounded by a faint lilac-colored border. Over time, the lesions fade away, but they may leave behind patches of discolored skin. Depending on where it occurs, morphea can affect mobility, particularly if it forms on the arms or legs. In some cases, morphea can cause affected skin to atrophy, leading to depressions in the skin.

The specific cause of morphea isn’t known. It is thought to be a type of autoimmune disorder, in which the body’s immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissue, causing inflammation and leading to symptoms. Possible triggers for morphea can include radiation, skin trauma or a recent infec-



The rare disorder morphea causes painless hardening and discoloration of the skin. **DREAMSTIME**

tion. Morphea itself is not an infectious disease, and it is not contagious.

Morphea affects only the skin. It doesn’t involve other organs. When a health care provider suspects morphea, a blood test is performed to rule out scleroderma, a more serious autoimmune disorder. Scleroderma causes hardening of the skin and the body’s connective tissues, and it can damage internal organs. A biopsy may be performed to rule out other concerns.

Although morphea eventually goes away on its own over time, treatment usually is recommended to decrease symptoms. Treatment works best when the condition is in its early stages. The first step in treatment for morphea in a case like yours, where the condition is confined to one area, usually involves using a topical cream on affected skin. The cream may include medications such as corticosteroids, calcineurin inhibitors or calcipotriene to reduce the inflammation.

When morphea is extensive, if it does not respond to topical treatment, or if it involves deeper tissue, then systemic treatment, such as methotrexate, may

be the next step.

Methotrexate is a drug that suppresses the immune system. It often is prescribed in pill form for morphea, and it can reduce symptoms effectively. In dermatology, the medication typically is used in low doses. Because of the smaller dose, more severe side effects, such as extensive hair loss, which can be associated with methotrexate in other situations, are not usually a problem.

Other treatment options for morphea are available. For example, phototherapy, which uses ultraviolet light, can improve the appearance of skin affected by morphea. A class of medications known as tetracyclines also can help. If you are not comfortable with methotrexate or are interested in an alternative to treat morphea, talk to your health care provider about the treatment choices that fit your situation.

— Jason Sluzevich, M.D.,
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CELEBRITIES

Dowse in a coma from meningitis

From news services

“Insecure” and “Beverly Hills, 90210” actor Denise Dowse has slipped into a coma after contracting a “virulent form of meningitis,” her sister said Friday. TMZ confirmed that Dowse, 64, was still in a coma as of Tuesday. Representatives for the performer did not immediately respond Tuesday to the Los Angeles Times’ request for comment.

“I am requesting support and prayers be offered me and my sister @denisedowse,” Dowse’s sister, Tracey Dowse, wrote last week on Instagram. “She is currently in the hospital in a coma ... Her doctors do not know when she will come out of the coma as it was not medically induced. She is a vibrant actor and director that should have many years ahead of her. Thoughts, prayers and support are greatly appreciated.”

Dowse is known for playing Mrs. Yvonne Teasley, the vice principal of West Beverly Hills High School on the long-running teen drama “Beverly Hills, 90210.” More recently, she portrayed Molly’s (Yvonne Orji) therapist, Dr. Rhonda Pine, in three seasons of Issa Rae’s acclaimed HBO comedy “Insecure.”

Swift shoots down claims about song ‘Shake It Off’: Taylor Swift is standing behind her work after another group accused her of copying their song in her 2014 hit “Shake It Off.” The R&B girl group 3LW first sued Swift in 2017, saying the superstar had stolen the chorus of “Playas Gon’ Play” without permission. “Playas Gon’ Play” repeats a hook of “Playas, they gonna play/ and haters, they gonna hate,” while Swift’s hook of “Shake It Off” repeats “Cause the players gonna play, play, play, play/ And the haters gonna hate,



Actor Denise Dowse is in a coma from meningitis, her sister said Friday. VINCE BUCCI/GETTY2005

hate, hate, hate, hate.” A judge in 2018 threw the case out, saying 3LW’s chorus was too unoriginal to be protected. The next year, however, an appeals court reinstated the lawsuit, setting the stage for a jury trial at a yet-to-be-determined date. In a new document submitted Monday to U.S. District Court Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald in Los Angeles, Swift outlined the meaning of her song “Shake It Off,” reiterating that she wrote the song by herself without any outside influence.

Depp to return as face of Dior’s Sauvage cologne: Johnny Depp seems to still be on an upswing after winning his defamation suit against ex-wife Amber Heard earlier this summer, in part thanks to the multi-year contract he just signed with Dior, TMZ reports. The reportedly seven-figure deal will see

the three-time Oscar nom — who originally signed with the fashion house in 2015 — resume his role as the face of the company’s Sauvage scent for men, the outlet has learned. Dior Beauty took to Instagram on Monday, in a partnered post with Depp, to share fashion photographer Greg Williams’ black-and-white stills of him ahead of recently taking to the stage with Jeff Beck in Paris. “Fearless yet human, just like Sauvage,” the caption reads. **Aug. 11 birthdays:** Actor Arlene Dahl is 97. Songwriter Kenny Gamble is 79. Bassist Jim Kale is 79. Wrestler Hulk Hogan is 69. Singer Joe Jackson is 68. Actor Viola Davis is 57. Actor Anna Gunn is 54. Actor Will Friedle is 46. Singer Ben Gibbard is 46. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 39. Singer J-Boog is 37. Actor Alyson Stoner is 29.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Estrangement from family hard to describe

Dear Amy: I no longer communicate with my remaining immediate family members. Honestly, it’s a relief. My family is significantly dysfunctional. One of my therapists (I’ve had several over the years) said that my family was the worst she knew from any of her patients. My mother is truly a monster who hides behind a socially acceptable exterior. Neither my sister nor I qualify as monsters, but we were never close. I find her garbage-stuffed hoarder house and the way she mocks others disgusting. Several months ago, my partner witnessed a horrible scene involving my mother and her husband’s vicious behavior. My partner said he’d witnessed quite a lot over the years, but he’s at the point where he can’t be in their presence any longer. After the episode, my sister (who wasn’t present) stopped responding to my attempts to contact her. I decided to have nothing more to do with any of them. I don’t know what my sister has been told, but I don’t care anymore. Amy, I feel free. With each passing month, I feel lighter. I’m convinced that never being in contact with them again is the best thing for me.

Dear Fancy Free: Congratulations on your liberation. Your family of origin seems to present genuine dangers to your own mental and emotional health. The fact that you are so concerned about how to describe this estrangement to others means that you’re still working through your choice. You don’t need to explain or describe your situation. When people ask you about your family members, you can say, “I haven’t seen them in a while. Honestly, I don’t know how they are.” If people dig for reasons, you can say, “I just needed to take a break. That’s all. But you should get in touch with them. I bet they’d like to hear from you.”

for what you want: “I’m still struggling through my treatment and could really use some support right now. Are you available to take me to my chemo treatment next week?” The American Cancer Society (cancer.org) has a database of support groups. Other people going through this could provide emotional support and advice.

Dear Amy: “Mother of the Groom” says she wants to be a good mother-in-law, while criticizing every choice her son’s fiancée was making with their wedding. She should follow the advice of my mother-in-law: Mind your own business. For the last 45 years, my mother-in-law has never criticized or commented on anything. Her position is that she has enough to worry about without taking on my or my wife’s stuff. Believe me, Amy, I’ve given her plenty to complain about. We just celebrated her 85th birthday, and I toasted my mother-in-law, saying that she had the kindness and the wisdom to allow my wife and me to make our own way, for which I am forever grateful. To Mother of the Groom: It’s not your wedding! So let the woman who hopefully will spend the rest of her life with your son have the wedding she wants. — Grateful Son-in-law

Dear Grateful: This is a touching tribute to a very wise mother-in-law. Copyright 2022 by Amy Dickinson Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

‘P-Valley’ creator thrilled season making viewers ‘uncomfortable’

By Dawn Burkes Los Angeles Times

There’s something about “P-Valley” that draws you in, more than likely its central trifecta: the promise of sex, the hope of love and the certainty of death. But there’s even more that keeps you there, connective tissue that’s compelling enough to make you care about the characters who inhabit the series’ fictional town of Chucalissa, Mississippi. Creator and showrunner Katori Hall describes the setting as a combination of the places she grew up that can’t readily be found on TV, a mix of city and country that conjures authentic Black Southernness. “I always say that if Chucalissa was a city, it would be this fusion of Memphis; Tunica, Mississippi; and Jackson, Mississippi; all kind of put in a pot and boiled and marinated together,” she said. “Chucalissa is reflecting the ‘hood, the rural communities, the different lingos, the musicality of Southern Black speech. It’s all represented in this fictional world that is quite real and is based off of everything that I have experienced in my life. That’s why it feels so tactile.” Hall added. Follow those roads, and you end up with “P-Valley,” based on Hall’s play of (almost) the same name and featuring both political — a mayor’s race pitting a preacher, an interloper and a son of the land against each other — and poleitical intrigue — the lives of exotic dancers and those in their orbit. In the first season, everything revolved around the strip club the Pynk, run by Uncle Clifford (Nicco Annan). The second season is broader: It’s about the people in all their lovely, messy glory. “I always tell people the show is not called ‘The Pynk,’ the show is called



Nicco Annan stars as Uncle Clifford in the second season of “P-Valley.” ERIKA DOSS/STARZ ENTERTAINMENT

‘P-Valley.’ What I have found to be the most ambitious thing is getting inside of our characters more and becoming more intimate with them,” said Hall. “The audience, because we’re getting behind the masks, literally and figuratively, of all of our characters, they’re beginning to see themselves more ... and it’s been making people really uncomfortable, which is a joy.” And no one is seeing more than Uncle Clifford, who is in everybody’s business (and knee-deep in his own). That includes a torrid love affair and an inspiring sense of self. “I first asked Katori, ‘Where did this idea come from, of this character?’ And (Hall) said, ‘I’m just interested in seeing what a person could be like if they accept their full self, all of their femininity and all of their masculinity,’” said Annan. The actor clung to that note. “This season, it’s like the Olympics for me with Uncle Clifford; it’s an emotional roller coaster,” Annan said. “And there were things that, as an artist, I very rarely get an opportunity to do. And especially being a Black man, and being a Black gay man and being a Black gay man of a certain size and

then being all of that playing this nonbinary person in such an inclusive space. Normally when you dip your toe in those pools, it’s so minimal, and this is just a vast open galaxy. I just feel like I’m every man,” Annan said. Saturated in color, drenched in melodrama, Uncle Clifford may have described the series’ evolving trajectory best, saying, “This place is full of haints and unsung melodies, child.” Bouncer Diamond (Tyler Lepley) is revealed as a roots worker, something foreshadowed in season one. The oft-bruised and battered Keyshawn’s (Shannon Thornton) origin story is told as a fractured fairy tale. Lil Murda (J. Alphonse Nicholson) and OG dancer Mercedes (Brandee Evans) make money moves. And COVID-19 makes all types of businesses stop and start. It sounds like a lot, but anyone who has spent time in a town like Chucalissa knows that stories are always intertwined. “All the different marginalized communities that the show represents really are just amplified, this season and in the work,” Annan said.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): A playful side of your personality may be emerging, but you worry your peers will look down on you for seeming immature. Perhaps you’re in tune with sentiments others quietly share but aren’t ready to acknowledge. **Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Beautifying your home might be a high priority today. However, your drive to implement your grand vision could meet resistance from people you share space with. If you realize that others also have a right to be part of this specific process, working collaboratively can help salvage your efforts.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Small talk may be easy for you to come by at this time, but you might not find it wholly satisfying. If what you really want is greater depth in your conversations, just ask for it! Others are probably more willing than you think to discuss something heavier than the weather.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your financial picture might feel more abundant than usual. However, you may want to be careful how you discuss this within your social network. While gratitude for your blessings is important, this should be something you acknowledge privately for now.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting noticed could be a complicated experience today. You’ll probably enjoy the attention. However, you may wind up interacting with your audience closely enough to receive their candid feedback on your performance. Thank them for the courage to share their thoughts. **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keeping a good secret, along the lines of planning a surprise party, could now be crucial. While you’re probably smart enough not to give it away, you might not have carefully thought through how it would affect your routines. Wait to take action until the person you’re surprising goes somewhere.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Opportunities to socialize could be plentiful for you now. It would be wise to be real with yourself about any discrepancies between your desires and how well your friends are equipped to meet them. Accepting who you are and what you want can be contagious in a very positive way.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Professional prospects could present themselves to you at any moment. Before you become completely seduced by an offer that flatters your ego, remember your home. Talk candidly with someone you trust to get a sense of what only you can truly do for your family.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your intellectual passions are especially exciting for you at present. While it’s likely frustrating that people in your everyday life aren’t capable of keeping up with you, don’t lose hope — they could still contribute valuable insights. Take advantage of hearing a beginner’s mind. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** An investment opportunity may seem really attractive to you today. Although you may not be eager to spoil the buoyant mood, letting assumptions slide is not likely to turn out in your favor. Asking the uncomfortable questions should equip you to make the choice that’s right for you. **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Another person may have an authoritative role in your life at the moment. While you probably have your reasons for admiring them, there needs to be room for you in the equation — if not, you’ll likely lash out sooner or later. Asserting yourself could go better than you expect.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Achieving beauty and order in your environment sounds compelling for you today. However, true creativity requires both execution and inspiration. Articulating your thoughts instead of letting them hang vaguely around you can help you pinpoint the next steps.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 11, 1860, the nation’s first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nevada. **In 1934,** the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former

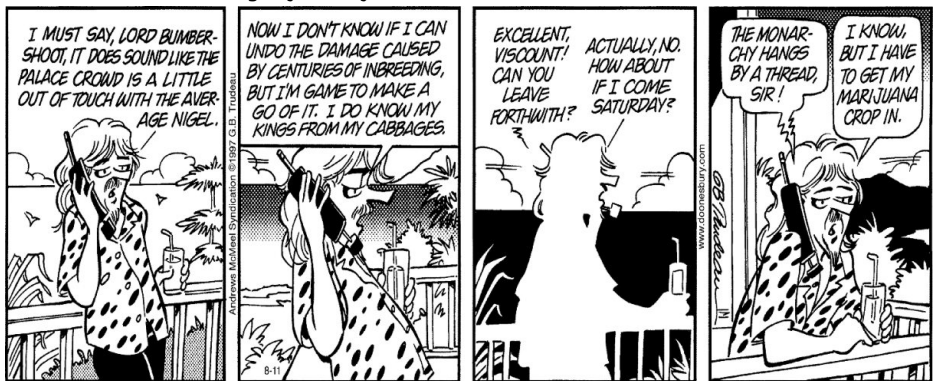
military prison) in San Francisco Bay. **In 1952,** Hussein bin Talal was proclaimed King of Jordan, beginning a reign lasting nearly 47 years. **In 1956,** abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, New York. **In 1992,** the Mall of America, the nation’s largest

shopping-entertainment center, opened in Bloomington, Minnesota. **In 1993,** President Bill Clinton named Army Gen. John Shalikashvili to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **In 2014,** Academy Award-winning actor and comedian Robin Williams, 63, died in Tiburon, California, a suicide.

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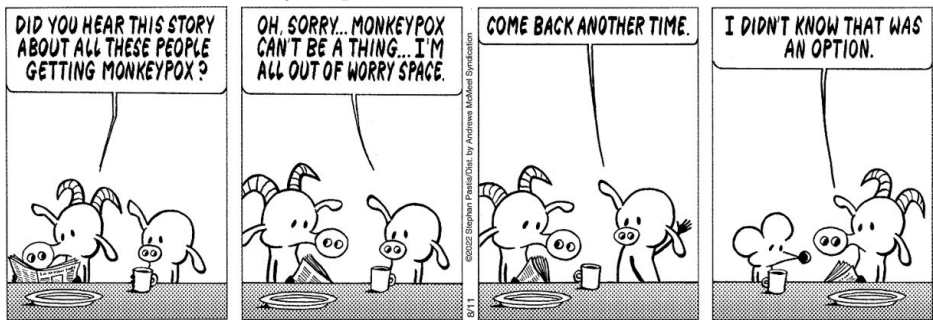
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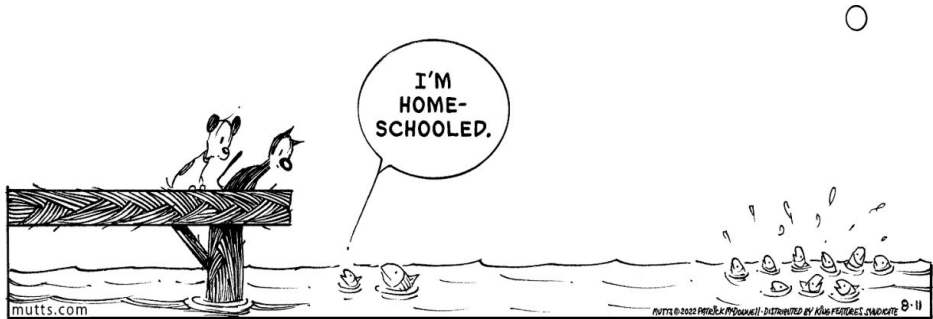
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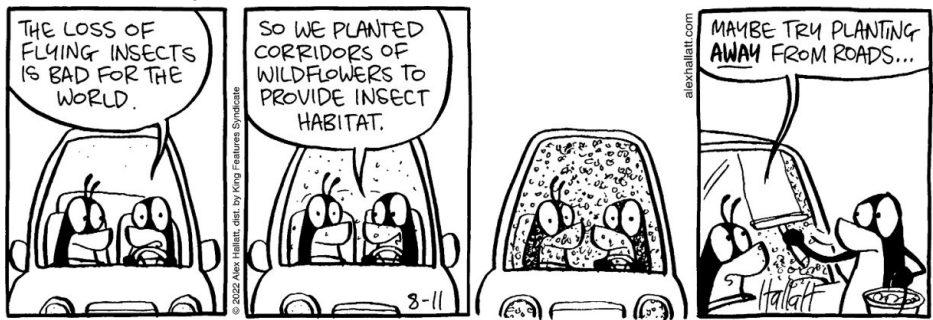
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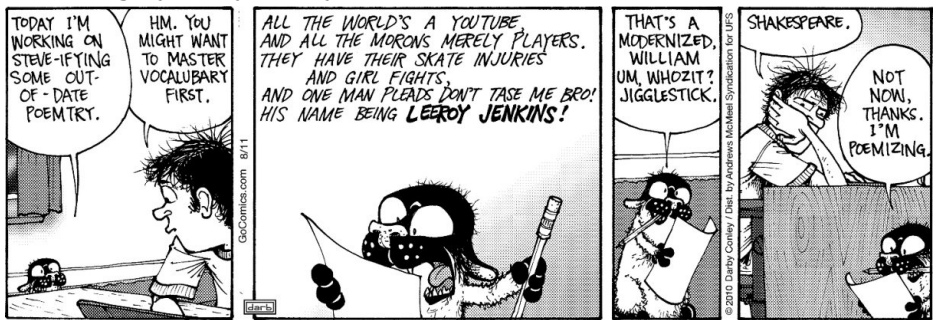
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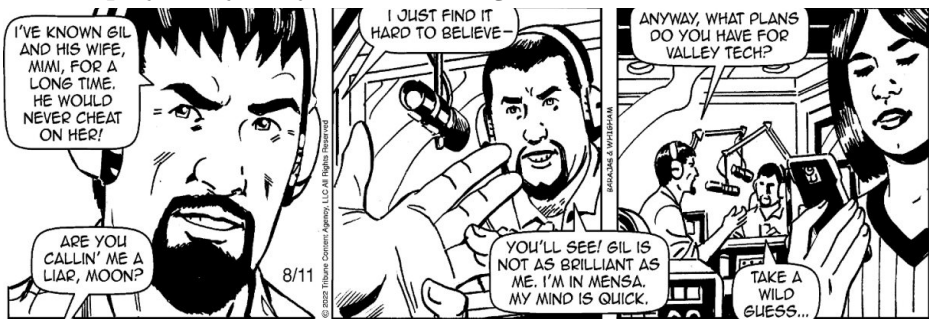
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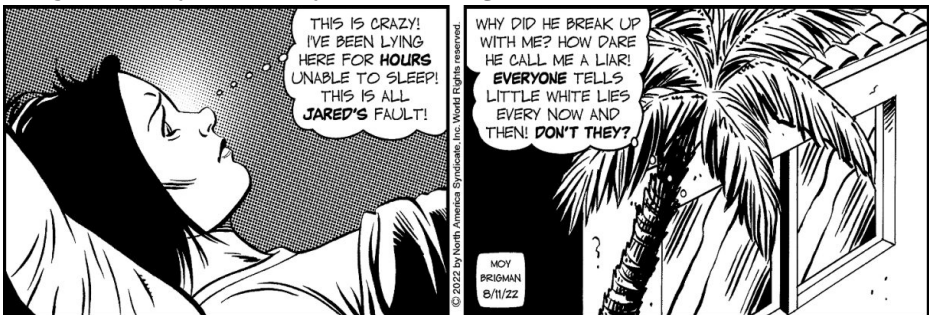
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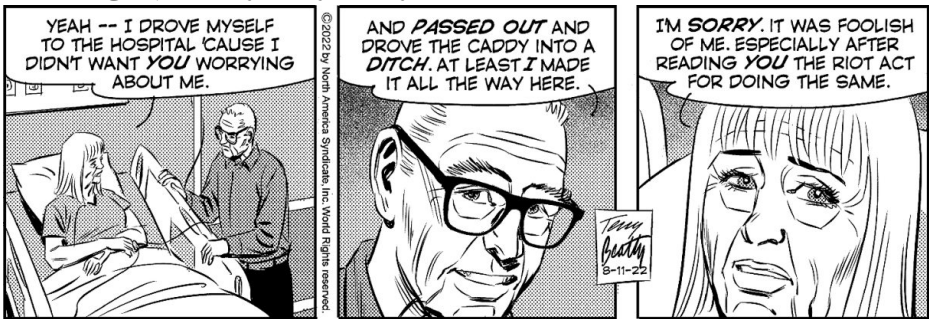
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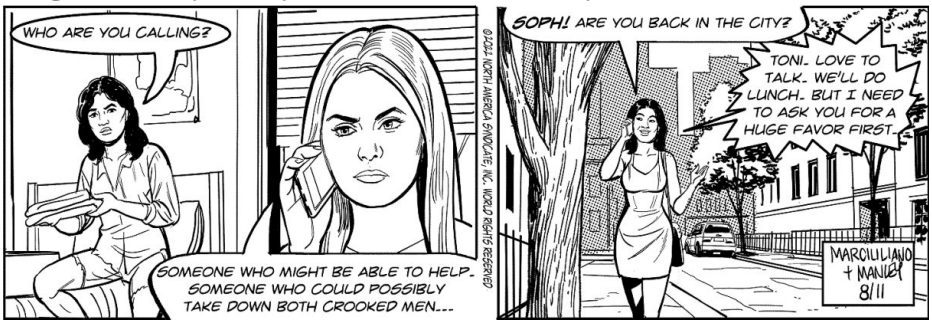
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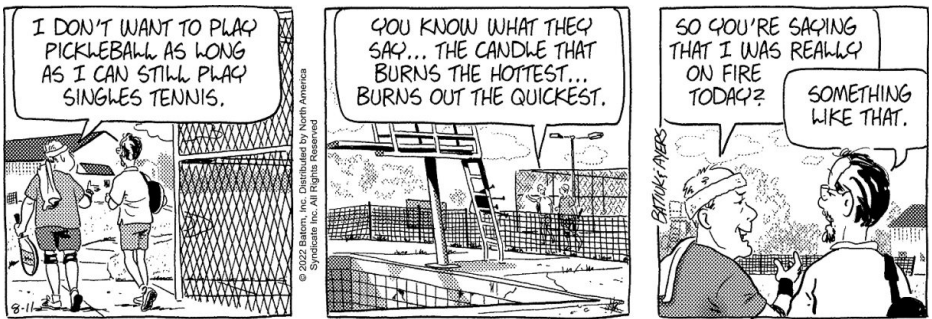
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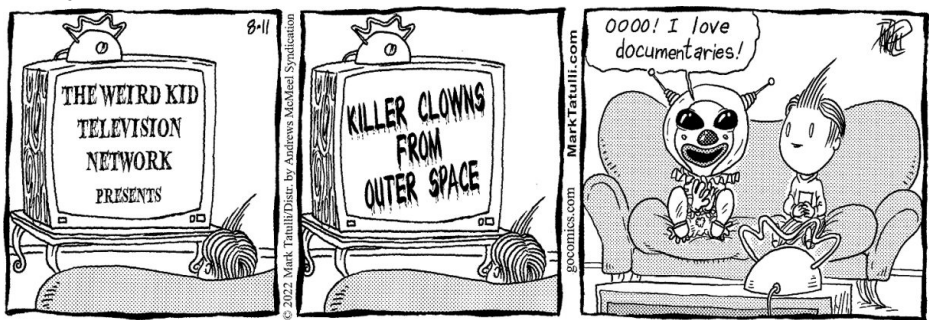
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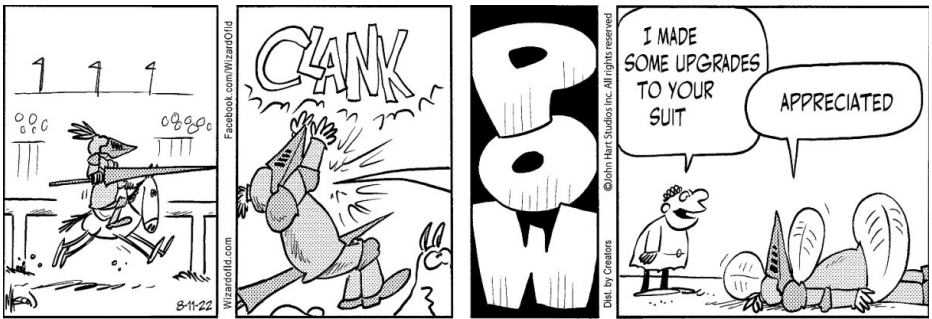
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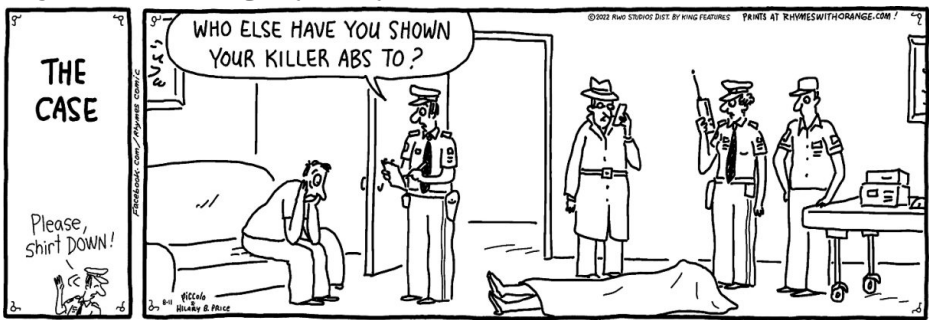
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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: classic TV shows

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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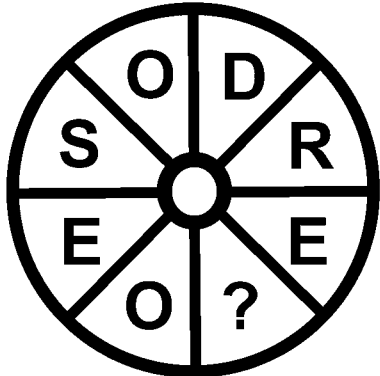
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ACROSS

- 1 Ladd or Thicke
- 5 "The Kids ___ Alright"
- 8 "What's My ___?"
- 9 "Teenage Mutant ___ Turtles"
- 12 Hair color
- 13 "___ at Black Rock"; Spencer Tracy film
- 14 "Yours, ___ & Ours"; Dennis Quaid movie
- 15 Actress Lange
- 16 "Boys Don't ___"; film for Hilary Swank
- 18 "___ Willie Winkie"
- 19 Comic actress Martha ___
- 20 ___-Ball; classic arcade game
- 21 Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
- 23 ___ nova; '50s/'60s dance
- 24 Smell to high heaven
- 25 Woody Guthrie's boy
- 26 Actress Kelly
- 28 Spinks or Uris
- 29 Gas station chain
- 30 "___ Willy"; film about a whale
- 32 "Avengers: ___ of Ultron"

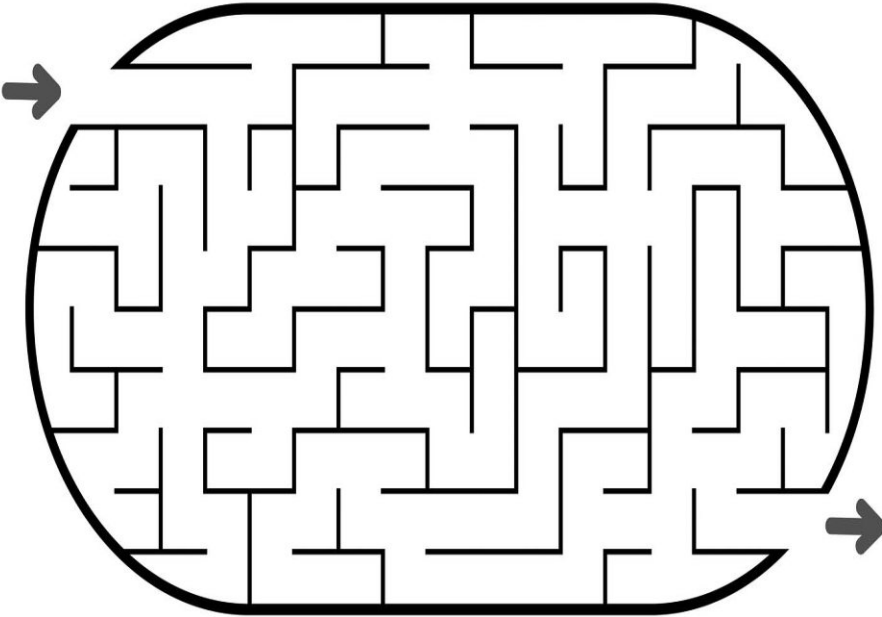
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- 1 "Kate & ___"
- 2 "American Idol" judge
- 3 Actress Meara
- 4 "___ and Stacey"
- 5 As hairy as
- 6 "Ticket to ___"; Beatles hit
- 7 "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's ___"
- 10 Role on "Grey's Anatomy"
- 11 Actor Lew ___
- 12 German auto
- 13 "___ Meets World"
- 15 "___! The Herald Angels Sing"
- 17 ___ or nay; voting choices
- 19 Carla's portrayer on "Cheers"
- 20 "___: A Star Wars Story"; Woody Harrelson film
- 22 Prefix for space or dynamics
- 23 "Desperate Housewives" role
- 25 Guinness or Baldwin
- 26 "___ with a Plan"
- 27 Grad exams, often
- 30 "___ Off the Boat"
- 31 "The Adventures of ___ Tin Tin"
- 33 Wilder & Hackman
- 34 Suffix for lion or heir
- 36 Poet ___ St. Vincent Millay
- 37 Mosque leader
- 39 VP Rockefeller's initials
- 40 "Men ___ Certain Age"

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Hartford, CT (20220924). Interested parties
may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202)
(1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091)
with comments regarding potential effects on
historic properties.
August 11, 2022 7268220

Connecticut

**UCONN NEW STEM RESEARCH CENTER -
SCIENCE 1 BUILDING / NORTHWEST QUAD
INVITATION TO BID**

Dimeo Construction Company, the
Construction Manager, is soliciting Bids
To Award for the University of Connecticut
New STEM Research Center - Science 1
Building Project (Project Number 901802)
and Northwest Quad Project (Project Number
300050). These are two (2) separate
projects (for accounting purposes only) that
will be bid and awarded as one project for
each trade. This is a 200,000 SF project
with an estimated budget of \$198,000,000.
The projects consist of a new science
building and a utility tunnel. This project
is located in Storrs, CT and is expected to
start construction in June of 2020 with a
substantial completion in Fall of 2022. This
project will be performed under a Project
Labor Agreement (PLA). For bid packages
over \$500,000 or specifically selected as
noted, that went through a prequalification,
only the prequalified bidders can provide a
bid. For packages identified as "SET-ASIDE",
only Small Business Enterprises (SBE)
and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)
certified in the State of Connecticut DAS
Supplier Diversity Program can provide bids.
All other bid packages are available to the
public for bidding. Bid package documents
can be found at www.dimeo.com under the
PROCUREMENT link at the bottom of the
web page, which will take you to a Building
Connected site. If you do not have an ac-
count, you will be required to set one up.
Bid documents will be made available on
or about August 8, 2022. THE BID DUE DATE
IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022, BY 11AM.
Bids must be delivered in sealed envelope to
Dimeo New Haven Office, 700 State Street,
New Haven, CT by 11:00AM. Refer to the
Invitation to Bidders in Division 00 the
specifications for more specific instructions
and which trades are due on each day. All
prime contractors working on the project
must utilize Small Business Enterprises
(SBE) and Minority Business Enterprises
(MBE) certified by the State of Connecticut
DAS Supplier Diversity Program, to meet the
goal of 30% allocation to SBE's, of which 10%
must be allocated to MBE's only. Provide
certifications with bids for Sub-Tier and Set-
Aside packages.
Small and Minority Businesses (S/MBE)
are encouraged to apply/bid. For additional
information on certifying as an S/MBE in
Connecticut, please visit the following link:
<http://das.ct.gov/crl.aspx?page=34>
S/MBE Contractors may find the following
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8/11 & 8/14/22 7266066

Legal Notice Canton Housing Authority Agency Plan.

In compliance with section 51.1 of the Quality
Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998
the Canton Housing Authority announces the
availability of the preliminary draft of the
Tenant-Based Assistance Annual Plan for
January 1, 2023. Information relating to the
plan is available for review and inspection
at 21 Dowd Avenue, Canton CT 06019 or
635 Farmington Avenue, Hartford CT 06105,
Monday through Friday during normal busi-
ness hours. A public hearing is scheduled for
September 19, 2022 at 11:00am at 21
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**LEGAL NOTICE
Request for Applications (RFA)
for
Health Disparities and Prevention Grant
(HDPG) program**

The Department of Public Health (DPH)
is seeking proposals to provide grants to
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
and Behavioral Health and Substance Use
Treatment Providers with one-time grant
funding for capital projects to strengthen
the operations, effectiveness, and acces-
sibility of community health centers and
mental health and substance use treatment
providers and accelerate the post-COVID-19
pandemic recovery.

Section 13(h) of Public Act 21-111, as
amended by Section 471 of Public Act 21-2.
June 2021 Special Session which authorizes
up to twenty-five million in bond proceeds
from the state general obligation bonds for
a health disparities study and capital grants
to community health centers and behavioral
health and substance treatment providers.
Specifically, the health disparities grant
program will award up to fifteen million in
grant-in-aid to 1) Health Resources Services
Administration (HRSA) funded health
centers, 2) HRSA designed health center
programs "look-alikes" as defined under the
consolidated health centers program, section
1905(1)(2)(B) of the social security act.
Of that fifteen million, up to three hundred
thousand maybe used for a health disparities
study. Additionally, the legislation authorizes
up to ten million for capital bond funding to
support mental health and substance use
treatment providers.

This is a competitive bid; all those seeking
funding must submit a proposal and follow
the guidelines of this RFA.

This Request for Application is available in
electronic format on the Department's web-
site at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/rfp> "Request
for Proposals" A printed copy of the RFP can
be obtained from the Official Contact upon
request:

Name: Chioma Ogazi
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#13COM
R0. Box 340308
Phone: 860-509-7189
Fax: 860-509-7855
E-Mail: dpn-healthequity.hdpghbond@ct.gov
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Deadline for submission of proposals is
August 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM.
8/11/2022 7268362

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

The West Hartford Town Council, at its meet-
ing held on May 10, 2022, received a Notice
of Approval by the Town Plan and Zoning
Commission of the Application to Rename
New Street to Dinah Road in accordance with
Section 155-4 of the Code of Ordinances. The
Town Council directed the Town Clerk
to publish notice of said name change on
August 10, 2022. The name change is
effective seven days after publication of the
legal notice.
A complete copy of the approved Application
is on file and open to public inspection in the
Office of the Town Clerk/Council Clerk, Room
312, Town Hall.
Essie S. Labrot, Town Clerk/Council Clerk
8/11/22 7268156

PROPERTY AUCTION

On August 10, 2022, the Town of Canton
auctioned 30 East Hill Road in Canton owned
by the Estate of Amelia M. Waterhouse
and the Estate of Pamela K. Waterhouse
to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges.
The property was sold to Manjit K. Singh
of 8 Mead Farm Road, Seymour, CT 06483
for \$166,000.00. The redemption period
expires on February 9, 2022. If redemption
does not take place by the date stated and
in the manner provided by law, the delinquent
taxpayer, and all mortgagees, lienholders
and other encumbrancers who have received
actual or constructive notice of such sale as
provided by law, are hereby notified that their
respective titles, mortgages, liens, restraints
on alienation and other encumbrances in
such property shall be extinguished.

8/11/2022 7268528

**TOWN OF ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT
INVITATION TO BID
98 Prospect Street Environmental
Remediation Project
August 11, 2022**

Sealed bids for the project named above
will be received at the office of the Director
of Finance until 11:00 a.m., Thursday,
September 8, 2022. Thereafter, bids will
be opened in public and read aloud or
opened and read aloud pursuant to the
applicable provisions of the Governor's
Executive Orders.

In general, the work consists of excavation
and off-site disposal of contaminated
soil; excavation/relocation and capping of
contaminated soils; demolition/abatement,
removal of UST and AST systems; the
removal of solid waste and concrete slabs;
and placement of clean backfill. The work is
being conducted pursuant to the Brownfields
Remediation and Revitalization Program and
to achieve compliance with the Connecticut
Remediation Standard Regulations.

All bidders for Project shall include a
current copy of their "DAS Prequalification
Certificate" for the Sitework Classification
with their bid.

Specifications and bid documents may be
obtained from the Director of Economic
& Community Development at telephone
number (860) 253-6391 or the Town's
website, www.enfield-ct.gov. A mandatory
pre-bid conference will be held starting at
98 Prospect Street on Thursday, August 18,
2022 at 11:00 am.

The Town of Enfield reserves the right to
accept or reject any, all, or any part of bids,
to waive formalities or informalities, and to
make an award that is deemed to be in the
best interests of the Town.

The Town of Enfield is an affirmative action/
equal opportunity employer. Disadvantaged,
minority, small and women-owned business
enterprises are encouraged to respond. This
contract is subject to state set-aside and
contract compliance requirements.

John A. Wilcox
Director of Finance
EOE/AA
8/11, 8/12/2022 7267540

SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT NOTICE

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut**

The Metropolitan District placed a notice in
the Hartford Courant on June 3, 2022 regard-
ing a deferred final assessment for sanitary
sewer on property formerly owned by ESTATE
OF FRANCIS G. SOCHA, GAIL T. SOCHA AND
A&T LLC, now owned by CAROLINA CRUZ,
being 390 Rainbow Road, Windsor, CT, also
known as Item 31402. Notice is hereby given
that Item 31402 has not yet been declared
due and payable and shall become due and
payable at prevailing rates in the future upon
request by the property owner in accordance
with the Charter and Ordinances of The
Metropolitan District.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk
August 11, 2022

8/11/2022 7268365

**Legal Notice
Housing Authority of the Town of South
Windsor Agency Plan.**

In compliance with section 51.1 of the Quality
Housing and Work Responsibility Act of
1998 the Housing Authority of the Town of
South Windsor announces the availability
of the preliminary draft of the Tenant-Based
Assistance Annual Plan for January 1, 2023.
Information relating to the plan is available
for review and inspection at 50 Elm Street,
South Windsor, CT 06074 or 635 Farmington
Avenue, Hartford CT 06105, Monday through
Friday during normal business hours. A
public hearing is scheduled for
September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at
Wapping Mews Community Room, 50 Elm
Street, South Windsor CT 06074.
8/11/2022 7268452

Bid Notice

All bid notices for the Town of West Hartford
are available at www.WestHartfordCT.gov/
Bids. Bid notices may also be obtained
through public access computers at any
Town library. Questions may be directed to
the Town at 860-561-7470
8/4, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25/22 7261375

CRCOG seeks a qualified consultant for
strategic planning, visit crog.org/rfp/qf for
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8/11/2022 7266683

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

**Notice Jonathan Cotto father of a female
child born on 01/21/2019 to Ashley C. of
parts unknown**

A petition has been filed seeking:

Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above
named or vesting of custody and care of said
child(ren) of the above named in a lawful,
private agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any, regard-
ing minor child(ren) will be heard **8/30/22 at
2:00 PM** at Superior Court - Juvenile Matters
920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Hearing on an Order of Temporary Custody
will be heard on: **7/22/22 at 10:00 AM** at
Superior Court - Juvenile Matters **920 Broad
Street, Hartford, CT 06106**

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publish-
ing this Order of Notice once, immediately
upon receipt, in **The Hartford Courant**, a
newspaper having circulation in the town/city
of: **Hartford, CT**

Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy
Signed: Debra A. Rubert - Clerk
Date Signed: 7/21/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to
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be held.
August 11, 2022 7267774

Notice of Permit Application Town(s): Coventry, CT

Notice is hereby given that Hytone Ag-Grid,
LLC (the "applicant") of 7 Greenbriar Lane
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania has sub-
mitted to the Department of Environmental
Protection an application under section 22a-
208a of the Connecticut General Statutes for
a permit to conduct a regulated activity in the
construction, alteration or operation of solid
waste facilities.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to install
an anaerobic digester and biogas-to-energy
system that will include an anaerobic diges-
tion system, depackaging facility, a 550 kW
biogas-fired combined heat and power
engine/generator, and a back-up flare. The
proposed activity will take place at Hytone
Farm, LLC at 2047 Boston Turnpike Coventry,
Connecticut. The proposed activity will poten-
tially affect air, land, and water resources.

Interested persons may obtain copies of
the application from Heather Little, Sanborn
Head & Associates, Inc., 187 Saint Paul
Street, Suite 201, Burlington, Vermont, (802)
391-8506.

The application is available for inspection
Booth & Dimock Memorial Library at
1134 Main Street, Coventry, CT and at the
Department of Environmental Protection,
Bureau of Materials Management and
Compliance Assurance, Division of
Engineering and Enforcement, 79 Elm
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SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

SUNDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

MONDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Chance for a morning shower or two, otherwise partly sunny, warm and humid. North to west.

HIGH

87°

LOW

65°

Partly sunny and much less humid.

HIGH

83°

LOW

59°

Clouds giving way to a partly sunny sky, comfortable humidity.

HIGH

81°

LOW

59°

Sunshine and some fair weather clouds.

HIGH

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LOW

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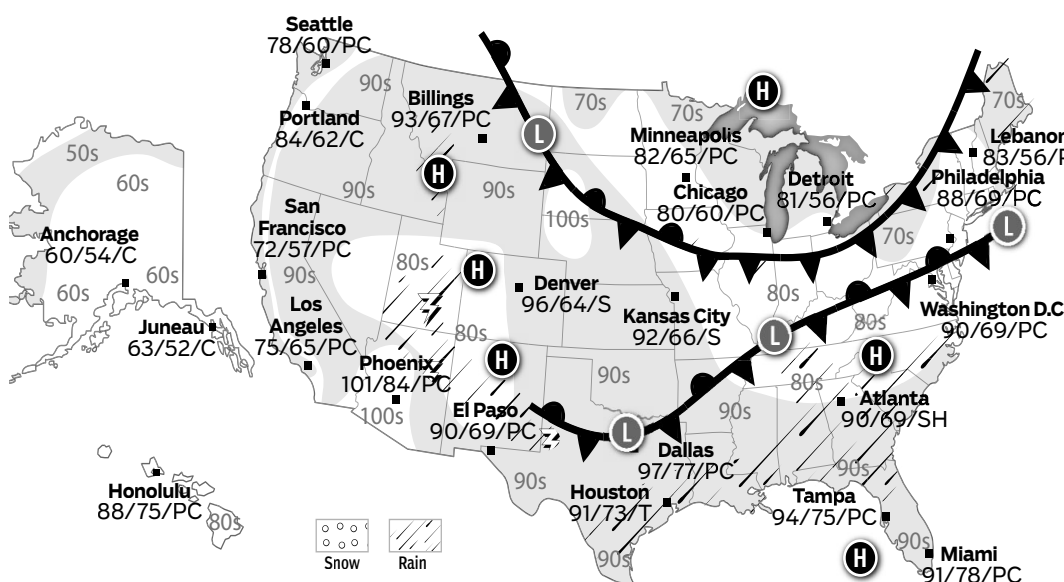
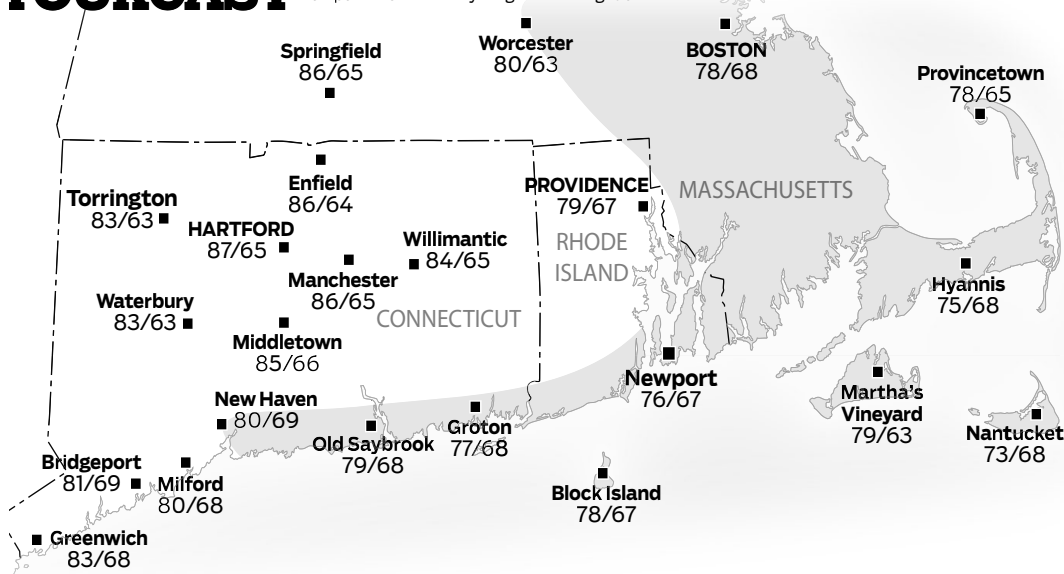




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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

After our recent heat wave, it's kind of hard to believe that any year could have avoided having a heat wave, but it is even harder to believe that 1920 didn't have a single 90-degree day. The highest temperature was 89 degrees. We will be lucky to finish this season without another 90-degree day, but it is possible. Near term, an area of low pressure will pass by just south of the state Thursday causing morning clouds and the chance for a few showers, then the sky will become partly sunny in the afternoon with high temperatures in the 80s. It will be humid with dew points in the 60s.

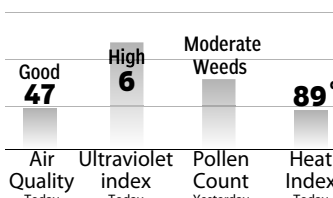
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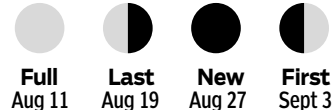
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| Moonrise | 8:17 p.m. | 8:50 p.m. |
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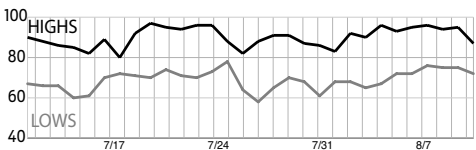


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The Queen Mother said they were the best scones she'd ever tasted, says Paul Hollywood of his classic scone recipe. HAARALA HAMILTON

CLASSIC SCONES

Makes: 11 scones
4 cups bread flour, plus extra to dust
2 tablespoons baking powder
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces
2 large eggs
1 cup whole milk
½ cup superfine sugar
To glaze:
1 large egg, beaten with a pinch of salt
To serve:
Confectioners' sugar, to dust
Preserves and Devonshire clotted cream or whipped cream
1. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, mix the flour and baking powder together. Add the butter and rub together with your fingers for a few minutes until you have a breadcrumb-like texture.
3. In another bowl, beat the eggs with the milk and sugar. Add to the rubbed-in mixture and stir together until the dough comes together and forms a ball.
4. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface and fold it over a few times to incorporate air, but do not knead it; you want to achieve a loose, soft dough. Using a rolling pin, gently roll out to a 1 ¼-inch thickness, making sure there is plenty of flour underneath to prevent sticking.
5. Using a biscuit cutter, about 2 ½ inches in diameter, and pressing firmly (without twisting the cutter), cut out rounds and put on the lined baking sheets, leaving space in between. Brush the tops of the scones with beaten egg, then put in the fridge for 20 minutes to rest. Meanwhile, heat your oven to 425 degrees.
6. Take the scones out of the fridge and brush them again with the egg glaze. Bake for 15 minutes until risen and golden brown.
7. Transfer the scones to a wire rack and leave to cool completely. Dust lightly with confectioners' sugar and serve with a generous helping of preserves and Devonshire clotted cream or whipped cream.

Baking star Paul Hollywood returns to the classic recipes

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Paul Hollywood needed any evidence that he and “The Great British Bake Off” have become pop culture icons, he just needs to turn on Netflix.

There, in last year’s starry heist film “Red Notice” starring Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Ryan Reynolds and Gal Gadot, was a snippet of Hollywood’s show, an unlikely hit on both sides of the Atlantic.

In one scene, Gadot, after a double- or triple-cross, is shown relaxing in front of a TV as she waits for a trap to spring on one of her co-stars. “She sits down and watches me on the ‘Bake Off’ and I’m going ‘What? That’s Wonder Woman!’” says Hollywood, still amazed.

Hollywood may have gone full Hollywood, but he’s not forgetting where the magic happens. The English baking specialist has returned to the basics this summer, offering ultimate versions of recipes that have been

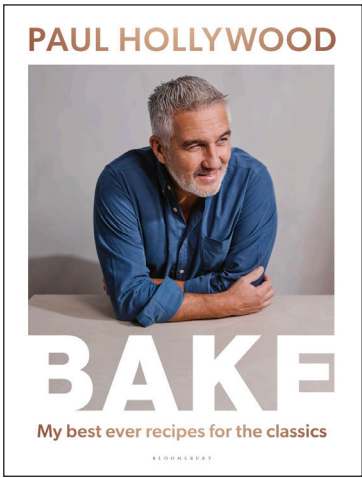
adjusted and updated for the modern world in the new cookbook “Bake” from Bloomsbury Publishing.

“There were certain things I thought were too sweet, and you didn’t need to have that much sugar in them. I think our palates have changed over the last 20, 30, 40, 50 years,” he says. “I thought, ‘Well, if you can reduce sugar and still enjoy a fantastic cake, then surely that’s a good thing.’”

The book is divided into six parts — cakes, cookies and scones, breads and flatbreads, pizzas and doughnuts, pastry and pies, and desserts. Each recipe aims to capture the essence of the dish, and Hollywood hopes home cooks learn the basics.

“Once you’ve mastered it, then you can tweak it and alter it and change it and make it your own. You need to master it first — walk before you can run,” he says.

In addition to adding less sugar — and also less salt — Hollywood has put his own twist on certain recipes, like asking for bread flour — also known as strong flour — in his scones and ditching lemon in



favor of a lime meringue pie.

There is a sparseness to each recipe in “Bake,” a reflection of Hollywood’s blunt but fair persona. There’s often a few sentences of introduction with an explanation of his tweaks and then a set of economical directions, some no more than a few hundred words.

“You can have your froufrou and your fluffy comments when you’re eating with your friend,” he says, laughing. “I said, ‘Let’s just cut to the chase, get the bloody thing made and then you can sit down and talk.’”

All you really need to bake like

a pro, he says, is a kitchen scale, your hands and a good oven. Would-be bakers should not be intimidated by working with humidity or yeast.

“I think ultimately the recipes themselves are very approachable,” he says. “If you weigh up the recipe correctly and your oven has been serviced — or it’s been cleaned and it’s been maintained well and it is achieving the temperature that it says it’s achieving — you are 90% of the way there just by weighing things up correctly. After that, it’s a case of just throwing it into a mixer and mixing it.”

Hollywood’s passion for baking is infectious and his knowledge deep. If you thought sourdough — which became more popular during the pandemic — originated in San Francisco, Hollywood goes further back. He traces it to the ancient Egyptians who baked it for the sun god Ra, then to the Romans and then Europeans, who brought it when they emigrated to California.

“What is a sourdough? Well, for me, as long as you’re not using shop-bought yeast, you’re making your yeast in flour water, and you’re harnessing the airborne bacteria, then what you’re doing is a sourdough,” he says.

Speaking of the pandemic, Hollywood is encouraged by more and more bakers turning to their kitchens and baking muffins, cookies or baked goods to sell.

“People have a passion of baking, which, yes, was there before. But what’s happened is they’ve nurtured that passion through the pandemic. And now it’s become a full-blooded hobby or a gift or a trade or a business that they want to invest in,” he says.

Hollywood uses bread flour in his scones, which might seem surprising, but it’s a popular choice in professional kitchens because the high protein content gives the scones a boost. This recipe is tried and tested over many years, and he says he’s never had any complaints.

The Queen Mother said they were the best scones she’d ever tasted, he says.

Just a couple of things to bear in mind: Don’t overwork the dough — you want it nice and light. And don’t twist the cutter when you lift it off or they won’t rise properly in the oven.

Saffron pasta with ricotta conjures Sardinia

By Christopher Kimball
For Associated Press

Each November in Sardinia, purple crocus blossoms blanket the rolling fields. It’s a striking sight against a lush green backdrop. Those same flowers also provide what locals call “red gold,”

or saffron.

Saffron is one of the defining flavors of the Italian island. First cultivated by the Phoenicians, saffron now colors and perfumes numerous dishes, from little gnocchi called malloreddus to gelato and zeppole, a fried dough eaten at Carnival.

Naturally, this being Italy, it also flavors pasta — at times both the noodles and sauce — and we were particularly taken with a vegetarian one at the Sante Rughe restaurant in Gavoi.

A few threads of saffron were simmered in milk, which then was mixed with salty ricotta for a rich,

no-cook sauce to coat orecchiette.

The version in our book “COOKish” comes together quickly. Simply microwave the milk with the saffron, mix in the ricotta with a bit of salt and pepper, and add cooked pasta. We add half a cup of mint for a layer of herbal freshness.

Cup-like orecchiette pasta is perfect for catching the lightly creamy sauce, though penne works well, too. But be sure to use whole milk and whole-milk ricotta; lower-fat milk and cheese leave the dish tasting too lean.

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Stuffed tomatoes are my new summer staple

Patty Catalano
TheKitchn.com

During the summer, I abandon my oven in favor of the grill. Rain or shine, you'll find me charring corn and getting grill marks on gnocchi. And don't forget that cast-iron skilleters are also great for the grill. That's what I used to cook these ripe and juicy grilled tomatoes.

I hollow out the tomatoes, fill them with gooey cheese and summery basil pesto, cook them in the skillet on the grill, and finish them with crunchy toasted pine nuts. Eat them for a light lunch, serve them with grilled steaks or chicken, or put them out with the rest of the sides at your next cookout and watch them disappear.

How do you cook stuffed tomatoes on the grill?
It's easy. Just think of the grill as you would your oven, but with more smoke and a better view. I toasted the pine nuts in the skillet on the grill, then dumped those onto a plate and snuggled the stuffed tomatoes in the same skillet. I put the skillet back on the grill and cooked the tomatoes until the pesto-spiked rice filling was hot and the cheese melted. That took all of 15 minutes.

What tomatoes are best for stuffing?
Large beefsteak tomatoes are the best choice for stuffing. These varieties have a sturdy shell that can stand up to being hollowed, filled and grilled. Use a spoon to remove the insides of the tomato, making sure to leave the sides and

GRILLED STUFFED TOMATOES
Makes: 4 to 6 servings
4 large or 6 medium beefsteak tomatoes (2 ½ pounds total)
4 ounces low-moisture part-skim or whole milk mozzarella
¼ ounce grated Parmesan cheese (about 1 heaping tablespoon)
2 cups cooked white rice or cauliflower rice, thawed if frozen
½ cup store-bought or homemade basil pesto, plus more for serving
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 to 4 tablespoons pine nuts
1. Heat an outdoor grill to medium-high, direct heat (400 to 450 degrees). Meanwhile, prepare the tomatoes.
2. Slice the tops off of 4 large or 6 medium beefsteak tomatoes at the shoulder where the tops begin to slope down. Use a paring knife to slice around the edge of the tomato interior and cut away any part of the stem. Scoop out the inside flesh and gel of the tomatoes with a spoon, making sure to leave behind an intact ¼-inch-thick shell. Reserve

the tomato tops and pulp for another use or discard.
3. Grate 4 ounces low-moisture part-skim mozzarella cheese on the large holes of a box grater (about 1 cup). Grate ¼ ounce Parmesan cheese on the small holes of the grater (about 1 tablespoon).
4. Place the mozzarella, 2 cups cooked white rice or cauliflower rice, ½ cup basil pesto, ½ teaspoon kosher salt, ½ teaspoon black pepper and ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes in a medium bowl and stir to combine.
5. Divide the filling among the tomato shells, about a heaping ½ cup each. Sprinkle the filling with the Parmesan.
6. Place 2 tablespoons (for 4 tomatoes) to 4 tablespoons (for 6 tomatoes) pine nuts in a dry medium cast-iron or other grill-safe skillet. Place pan on grill grates, cover and cook, stirring every minute or so, until light golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes total. Transfer the nuts to a plate.
7. Arrange the tomatoes filling-side up in the same skillet. Return the skillet on the grill, cover and cook until the filling is hot, the cheese is melted and tomatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Remove from the grill and sprinkle evenly with the pine nuts. Drizzle with more pesto if desired.



Ripe tomatoes are filled with gooey cheese and basil pesto, grilled and finished with toasted pine nuts. **JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM**

san for sprinkling on top. Season the filling generously with homemade or store-bought pesto, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. The filling should taste rather salty, but it will season the tomatoes from the inside out and mellow as the tomatoes grill. Buttery pine nuts give the

grilled tomatoes a finishing crunch.
Stuffed tomatoes with an easy low-carb ingredient swap
Stuffed mushrooms and stuffed bell peppers rely on rice or breadcrumbs for bulk. While those ingredients make them filling

and delicious, it also places them squarely out of reach for anyone who prefers a low-carb diet. In this recipe, swap out an equal amount of fresh or frozen riced cauliflower for the cooked white rice for the same summery flavors with a fraction of the carbohydrates.



For this dish, simply microwave the milk with the saffron, mix in the ricotta with a bit of salt and pepper, and add cooked pasta. **MILK STREET**

Saffron

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ORECCHIETTE WITH SAFFRON, RICOTTA AND MINT

Total time: 20 minutes
Makes: 4 to 6 servings
½ cup whole milk
½ teaspoon saffron threads
1 cup whole-milk ricotta

cheese
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
1 pound orecchiette or penne pasta
½ cup chopped fresh mint
1 ounce pecorino Romano cheese, finely grated (½ cup), plus more to serve
In a liquid measuring cup, microwave the milk and saffron until warm, about 1

minute; stir, then cool. In a large bowl, whisk the ricotta, saffron milk and ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water until al dente, then drain. Add the pasta to the ricotta mixture and toss. Stir in the mint and cheese, then season with salt and pepper. Serve sprinkled with additional cheese.

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Some red wines can benefit from a slight chill

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

Wine is a joyous, never-ending education. Even so, some lessons were humbling to me over the past few weeks as I examined how serving temperature affects red wines.

I had suggested three bottles that I thought would all benefit from a healthy chill. The experience was not what I expected.

Readers are all too familiar with my periodic reminder that most red wines are served too warm, along with my suggestion that, when planning to drink a red, the bottle should be refrigerated for 20 to 30 minutes or so before opening.

I continue to stand by that good advice. But as this lesson shows, it turns out that the chill affects wines in more nuanced ways than my simple admonitions would have suggested.

I proposed three bottles. They were: Broc Cellars North Coast Love Red 2021, Jean-Paul Brun Domaine des Terres Dorées Morgon 2020 and COS Terre Siciliane Frappato 2021.

I asked readers to try the chilled wines just out of the fridge, then over the course of a meal (I had recommended taking them out 20 minutes before eating) and, finally, at room temperature. The idea was to observe how the wine evolved depending on its temperature.

I expected that these wines would behave in roughly similar ways. Straight out of the fridge they each would be cold and refreshing but without much character. Cold kills nuance. Serving wine ice-cold will hide flaws in a bad bottle but also conceal any distinctive, winning qualities in a good one.

After 20 or 30 minutes, I imagined the wines would become more accessible — refreshing in hot weather



PEPE SERRA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

and starting to show their stuff. They would continue to improve throughout the meal until they began to approach room temperature, at which point the wines would become less refreshing and less lively.

Straight out of the refrigerator, the three wines were as expected: frigid and flavorless. The only impression I had of these different bottles was the bracing, sluicing action of gulping a cold liquid. Drinking a good bottle that cold is pointless, whether red or white.

After 20 to 30 minutes outside the fridge, which

had been my recommendation for when to begin drinking, the wines were still much too cold, as several readers noted.

“Twenty minutes might not be enough,” said Sherlock Lab of New York. “At least 45 to 55 minutes for these red wines to reach 55 degrees Fahrenheit. I take out white wines 60 minutes before.”

Even so, one bottle, the Broc Love Red, was somewhat enjoyable, its flavors beginning to spread through the mouth. The other two were not accessible. The COS was simply reticent, and the Brun

Morgon was astringent, actually unpleasant.

Why was the Love Red different? It was a question of the winemaker’s intent. Broc Cellar’s Love wines are modestly priced, easygoing bottles meant for early consumption. They are not intended to be aged for years, simply to be opened and enjoyed. Marketers would call them pop ‘n’ pour bottles.

This intention partly determines how the wine is made. Chris Brockway, Broc’s proprietor, buys grapes from all over California, many of them obscure ones like valdiguié

from old vineyards. The ’21 Love Red is a blend of 51% carignan, 25% syrah and 12% valdiguié, along with smaller amounts of mourvèdre, zinfandel, petite sirah and grenache.

The grapes were fermented separately, then blended. The carignan and grenache underwent carbonic fermentation, a method popular in Beaujolais and among natural wine producers around the world. It’s often used to produce fruity, fragrant, easily enjoyable bottles that would fall under the category of carefree thirst quenchers.

Indeed, as the wine warmed to what I considered lightly chilled, it grew more delicious. The flavors were of tart fruit and herbs, maybe a bit of anise, with a lingering bitterness that refreshed the mouth.

Broc, like each of these producers, relies on ambient yeasts for fermentation and does not manipulate the wines or add anything except, maybe, a small amount of sulfur dioxide, a stabilizer and antioxidant.

Unlike the Broc, the other two bottles were not necessarily intended for immediate consumption. Yes, they are generally enjoyable young. But each of them possess the ability to age and improve for at least a few years.

They weren’t tannic, like young Bordeaux, Barolo or Burgundy, which are often made for the long haul, aging and improving for 20 years or more. But they had enough tannins that anything more than a light chill emphasized the astringency and effectively closed the wines down.

Paradoxically, the Brun Morgon, though a Beaujolais, was not made with carbonic or semicarbonic maceration. Jean-Paul Brun, the proprietor, is part of a small but growing group of producers in Beaujolais who believe the character of the vineyard is

better expressed through a conventional fermentation, which in Beaujolais is often referred to as Burgundian style.

In addition, Brun allows the grapes, 100% gamay, to macerate with the skins for four to six weeks, giving the wine some structure before aging it in concrete vats or oak barrels. The Morgon, reticent after a half-hour out of the fridge, was much better with just the slightest chill, bright, lively and floral. It was very gently tannic, but that was enough for the wine, colder than a slight chill, to be adversely affected.

Likewise, the intention behind the COS frappato, from the Vittoria region of Sicily, was more about conveying the character of the vineyard rather than making a simple thirst quencher. The wine buzzed with vibrant, sweet-and-bitter red fruit and earthy undertones with just a mild chill. Any colder, and the wine seemed simplified, just structured enough not to be enjoyable.

A delicious thirst quencher like the Broc is more flexible in terms of serving temperature than even modestly structured reds like the other two bottles, to say nothing of more age-worthy wines. It requires a little more knowledge of particular bottles to determine which reds can withstand cooler temperatures.

I could see this dynamic in several of the comments from readers. VSB of San Francisco said the Broc was at its best an hour out of the fridge. But for Dan Barron of New York, who drank a Lambrusco, 50 minutes out of the fridge left the wine feeling too warm.

I’m not sure, after my experience, that sort of one-size-fits-all approach will work. As Euphemia Thompson of North Castle, New York, pointed out, “Its success rides on how cold your fridge is.”



This cake benefits from slightly sour, yet creamy yogurt. DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON/TNS

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Perk up simple yogurt cake with cherries and apricots

By Diane Rossen Worthington
Tribune Content Agency

I’d never used yogurt in a cake, so I thought I’d give it a try. It works similarly to sour cream or butter-milk and adds a moist texture to the cake. I fooled around with the original recipe I had saved years ago and came up with this summery, light and fruity yogurt cake.

Here, I used bright red

cherries and light orange apricots, but you can add your own fruit signature to this cake. Peaches, nectarines, plums or berries would work equally well.

The simple cake benefits from the slightly sour, yet creamy yogurt, and the vanilla is essential for its flavor.

The addition of the summer fruits interlaced in the vanilla-scented batter adds just the right amount of sweetness and

juiciness to the yogurt cake.

Whenever you are adding fruit to a cake batter, be sure to dust the fruit with all-purpose flour. This will ensure that the fruit won’t fall to the bottom of the cake and it will be evenly distributed. I can say this cake is a delicious breakfast bread alongside your coffee or tea. It is equally yummy at teatime or as an ending to your summer dinner.

CHERRY APRICOT YOGURT LOAF

Makes: 8 to 10 servings

1½ cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
Pinch of salt
3 large eggs
1 cup sugar minus 2 tablespoons
½ cup full-fat Greek yogurt
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
½ cup grapeseed or other unflavored oil
2 apricots, pitted and cut into ½-inch dice
6 ripe cherries, pitted and cut into ½-inch dice

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-5-inch nonstick loaf pan with baking spray all over. Combine 1½ cups flour, the baking powder and salt in a bowl or on a piece of foil or parchment paper. Stir the dry ingredients around to evenly mix. Reserve.

2. Whisk the eggs in a medium mixing bowl with the sugar with an electric mixer until light yellow. Add the yogurt and the vanilla and beat another minute. Add the reserved dry ingredients and beat another minute or until just blended. Slowly add the oil and mix to blend well.

3. Combine the apricots and cherries and 2 tablespoons flour together in a bowl and mix to make sure the fruit is evenly coated with the flour. Transfer about half the batter into the pan. Scatter the flour-dusted fruit evenly over the batter. Pour the remaining batter on top of the fruit layer to cover. You can use a rubber spatula to move the fruit around.

4. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until a wooden skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Place on a wire rack to cool. When cool, invert onto a rectangular platter. Slice into serving pieces.



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Grain and pasta salads, with hearty mix-ins that can withstand the heat, are a good idea for the beach, as are simple dips. CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

How to pack *the perfect* beach cooler

By Naz Deravian | The New York Times

Packing a cooler for a relaxing, sun-filled day at the beach is like playing Tetris. But no matter how adept you are at puzzles and video games, inevitably you give up on stacking all those multishaped containers neatly, resorting to lugging a poorly organized cooler — along with multiple bags — across the hot sand.

“You don’t want to feel like you’re working a job by the time you get to the beach,” said Nikki Boyd, a professional organizer in North Carolina and the author of “Beautifully Organized: A Guide to Function and Style in Your Home.” “Keep the cooler compact, and make it work for you as efficiently as possible.”

With a little planning and a few expert tips, a day at the beach can actually be relaxing.

Choose the right cooler

To master cooler Tetris, choose a cooler with one large insulated interior. Lauren Rivard, founder of the Picnic Collective, a picnic catering company in Costa Mesa, California, recommends avoiding coolers with multiple compartments, like the soft, collapsible coolers with various sleeves and pockets, which only take up valuable space.

Use lightweight, reusable containers that fit the shape of your cooler (rectangles and squares are the way to go). Glass containers are not recommended since they are heavy and not safe to use outdoors. Place heavier, perishable items on the bottom, and slip in smaller round shapes, like cans and thermoses, in the nooks and crannies.

Keep things cool all day

Alanna O’Neil, a photographer on Maui, Hawaii, and the author of “The Art of Picnics: Seasonal Outdoor Entertaining,” suggests creating a cold cooler by freezing all noncarbonated drinks and chilling carbonated drinks in advance.

“Start with a solid base of something cold, like a layer of frozen water bottles or frozen ice blocks,” O’Neil said. (Just be sure to use freezer-safe bottles.) The frozen foundation helps keep items balanced and melts less quickly than ice cubes. Packing your cooler to the brim works to your advantage: “The more solid it is as a unit, the cold air will stay trapped longer,” she said.

Once the cooler is packed and the gaps are filled in with ice, keep foods you’ll reach for most often, like dips and chips, on top to minimize opening the cooler and melting the ice. (You can, of course, pack dry goods in a separate bag or transfer them to a container to keep dry — and limit trash on the beach — and pack in the cooler.)

Boyd, the organizer, also suggests designating an area for drinks and giving them sections so you’re not wasting time digging for what you want. “If you want to get fancy,” she said, “you can label the lid of the cooler so when you lift it up, everyone knows the arrangement of the beverages.”

Pack beach-proof foods

When choosing a sandwich, consider ingredients that can withstand hours outdoors and won’t get soggy. Salted butter, like in a ham and jam sandwich, holds up against the elements at the beach much better than mayonnaise on a sandwich. O’Neil likes to wrap sandwiches in parchment paper and for extra assurance slips them into reusable bags to



Placing frozen, noncarbonated beverages at the bottom of the cooler creates an icy, stable foundation that won’t melt as rapidly as ice.



Food is placed on top of a layer of beverages and ice in a cooler. Frozen grapes work a lot like ice cubes — nestle them at the top of the cooler so they won’t get crushed as they thaw.

keep out condensation.

Hearty grain or pasta salads, like farro or orzo tossed with artichokes, olives and hard-to-melt feta cheese, travel well. And a cooling, creamy, ranchy dip — made from a mix or with fresh herbs and yogurt — is the perfect companion to salty chips for snacking on all day in between ocean swims.

Chilled fruit is nonnegotiable for a beach picnic, and Rivard, Boyd and O’Neil agree that frozen grapes are the way to go. Pack them in reusable bags and store on the top layer of the cooler so they keep things cool but don’t get crushed as they thaw. To save space, Boyd recommends cutting fruits like watermelon and pineapple into bite-size pieces and skewering them on sticks, like kebabs, for easy-to-grab individual servings stored in a container.

For a late-afternoon pick-me-up, Rivard recommends storing your favorite iced coffee in a chilled insulated flask to serve with a sweet treat at the end of the day. Rice Krispies treats are hard to crush; cut them in square or rectangle shapes for easy storing. Enjoy, then pack everything back up and make the journey home salty, sandy and content.

FRESH RANCH DIP

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 5 minutes
1 (16-ounce) container plain Greek yogurt, preferably full-fat
1 large garlic clove, finely grated
½ cup finely chopped fresh dill leaves
2 tablespoons thinly sliced chives
1 small lemon
Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)
Potato chips, Persian cucumbers or other crudité,

for serving
Place yogurt in a medium bowl. (Save the container for storing your dip.) Add garlic, dill and chives. Add ½ teaspoon of lemon zest and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, and season with salt (about 1 teaspoon). Stir to combine and taste for seasoning. Be mindful not to oversalt if you plan to serve this with salty chips. Serve right away or transfer back to container, cover and store in fridge for up to 1 day.
— *Recipe by Naz Deravian*

ARTICHOKE AND OLIVE FARRO SALAD

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 45 minutes
Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal) and black pepper
1 cup quick-cook, pearled or semi-pearled farro, rinsed and drained (see note)
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, plus more as needed
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
⅓ cup pitted kalamata olives, sliced in half lengthwise
About 1 cup (5.4 ounces) marinated quartered artichoke hearts from a jar, coarsely chopped
½ cup crumbled feta
⅓ cup chopped fresh dill leaves
¼ medium red onion, finely chopped (about ⅓ cup)
¼ cup thinly sliced chives
1. Set aside a sheet pan or a large plate. Bring a medium pot of well-salted water to a boil. Add the farro and give it a stir. Reduce the heat to medium-high and cook according to package instructions,

skimming off any foam that rises, until the grains are tender and plump. Depending on the type of farro used, this can take anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes. Drain the farro and transfer to the sheet pan or plate; spread out and cool to room temperature, 10 to 15 minutes. (If the farro is left to cool in the strainer, it will keep cooking, take longer to cool and turn mushy.)
2. Transfer the farro to a medium mixing bowl. Add the vinegar, oil and ½ teaspoon salt, and stir to combine. Add the olives, artichoke, feta, dill, red onion and chives, and season with black pepper to taste. Stir and taste. Add more salt, vinegar and oil as needed.
3. Serve right away or store in the fridge for up to 2 days. The farro will absorb the vinegar and oil the longer it sits. Adjust seasoning, vinegar and oil before serving.
Note: If using orzo, use 1 ¼ cups and follow package instructions for cooking. Drain and cool as instructed in Step 1.

HAM AND JAM SANDWICH

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 10 minutes
1 baguette (about 20 to 24 inches long)
4 tablespoons salted or unsalted butter, at room temperature
Kosher salt
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
⅓ cup fruit jam or preserves, such as cherry, peach or orange
8 ounces sliced ham, preferably smoked or Black Forest
Black pepper
1. Cut the baguette into four

equal pieces by cutting the baguette in half crosswise, then cutting each half in half. Slice each piece through the middle to split it. Arrange the pieces cut-side up.
2. Spread the butter on the tops and bottoms of each quarter. If using unsalted butter, sprinkle lightly with salt. Spread Dijon on one side and jam on the other. Pile the ham on the bottom pieces, then season with black pepper. Top the sandwiches and press firmly. Wrapped and refrigerated, the sandwich will keep for up to 1 day.
— *Recipe by Ali Slagle*

CARAMELIZED BROWN BUTTER RICE KRISPIES TREATS

Makes: 30 to 50 treats
Total time: 15 minutes
8 ounces butter, salted or unsalted, preferably cultured, plus extra for pan
2 10 ½-ounce bags of marshmallows (see note)
12-ounce box Rice Krispies cereal
1. Line rimmed sheet pan with parchment paper or wax paper, or butter it well.
2. In a large pot, melt butter over medium-low heat. It will melt, then foam, then turn clear and golden and finally start to turn brown and smell nutty. Watch closely and stir often.
3. When butter is evenly

browned, stir in marshmallows. (If using unsalted butter, stir in ¼ teaspoon salt.) Melt and cook, stirring often, until mixture turns pale brown, then stir constantly until lightly browned but not dark, 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Turn off heat, add cereal and mix well, preferably with a silicone spoon or a spatula. Scrape into prepared pan and press down lightly. If necessary, butter hands to press mixture flat. Let cool, and cut into squares or bars.
Note: Most marshmallows contain gelatin. For a vegetarian version of these treats, be sure to use vegan/vegetarian marshmallows available at most health food stores.
— *Recipe from Colin Alevras; adapted by Julia Moskin*